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IDF soldier killed, two injured in Hizbullah attacks

AN IDF soldier was killed and two others lightly wounded in Hizbullah attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets inside the security zone yesterday.

Staff-Sgt. Almog Klein, 20, from Moshav Shafir, near Kiryat Malachi, was killed as a result of a direct mortar hit on his position. During the course of the attacks, Hizbullah gunmen dressed in paramilitary uniforms tried to storm and overrun an IDF position, but were repulsed by heavy return fire.

The wounded soldiers were treated in the field and later evacuated by helicopter to the Safed government hospital.

IDF and SLA gunners blasted suspected terrorist targets in the Iklim al-Toufah region north of the zone. Reports from Lebanon said a Lebanese civilian was killed and as many as seven others wounded as a result of the return fire.

Four residents of Taibeh village

were said to have been wounded as a result of Hizbullah fire.

UN sources said shells fired from north of the zone exploded near positions of UNIFIL's Finnish battalion in Taibeh and near the Norwegian contingent's headquarters in Kawkaba. There were no casualties among the UN troops.

LAF helicopter gunships were also in action, firing at suspected terrorist targets and the positions of the attackers. Unconfirmed reports said there were casualties among the attackers.

Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, claimed responsibility for the attacks - during the course of which dozens of Katyusha rockets, mortar shells, and anti-tank missiles were fired at several IDF and SLA positions simultaneously.

The Hizbullah spokesman, however, tried to disclaim the incident in which four residents of Taibeh were wounded.

Military sources categorically denied Hizbullah claims that its fighters had overrun and temporarily occupied an IDF position. Hizbullah did not give the location of the post, or offer further evidence of its claims.

Hizbullah gunmen, under cover of the mortar fire, tried to attack one of the IDF positions in the Al Tahr area on foot and from close range in an attempt to overrun the post.

The sources stressed, however, that the attack was repulsed, and the Hizbullah fighters were forced to flee, leaving their weapons in the field.

During the abortive attack on the post, two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded. About an hour later, in the continuing exchange of fire, a mortar shell scored a direct hit on one of the IDF positions, killing Klein.

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Staff-Sgt. Almog Klein

(Art. Israel)

in Kfar Rumane, on the outskirts of Nabatiya, as a result of IDF and SLA retaliatory fire.

The reports said the home in Kfar Rumana of Lebanese parliament member Abdul Latif Zein was also damaged in the shelling. Zein, who stood as an independent Shi'ite in the elections, held a press conference in the bomb shelter of his home during which he "thanked" Clinton for what had happened.

The wide-scale attack coincided with the conclusion of US President Bill Clinton's visit to the Middle East, during the course of which he met with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly asked Clinton, prior to the latter's visit to Damascus, to pass a message to Assad asking him to curb the Hizbullah's activities.

The message, which apparently also contained a warning, followed the mortar attacks on the

Galilee panhandle on Wednesday - minutes before the Jordan-Israeli peace treaty was signed in the Arava.

"It is quite possible that Syria is convinced that aggression by Hiz-

bullah in south Lebanon will be useful to Syria in the negotiations [with Israel], and perhaps even lead to Israeli concessions," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told

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Lebanon proposes joint committee

LEBANESE President Elias Hrawi told Egypt's Middle East News Agency that Lebanon was prepared to establish a joint political and military committee with Israel to draw up a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

It was the first time that Hrawi had made such an offer since the Madrid peace talks began three years ago.

"I pledge that not one single bullet would be fired during

this period if Israel commits itself to a withdrawal," Hrawi said.

Hrawi said that Hizbullah's operations were legitimate resistance activities, which would continue until Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon.

Hrawi expressed regret over Clinton's remarks describing Hizbullah's operations as terrorist acts. Hrawi maintained that such acts were "justified self-defense." David Rudge



US President Bill Clinton is cheered by US soldiers stationed in Kuwait on Friday.

(AP)

Clinton: We'll continue to stand by Middle East peace makers

RETURNING to Washington from a grueling week of shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East, President Clinton yesterday pledged an ongoing US commitment to fostering peace in the region, declaring, "the peacemakers are the future."

Clinton, upbeat at a brief White House arrival ceremony, following an overnight flight home from Saudi Arabia, said the peace treaty signed between Israel and Jordan represented "a crucial step on the road to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

"The United States will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with those who seek the peace, with those who take risks for peace, with those who stand up for change in the face of terrorists and extremists who seek to destroy the peace by killing the innocent," he added.

He said that during his travels he put the Palestine Liberation

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Organization on notice it must "do everything it can" to end terrorism against Israel. And he said he told Syria it is time for it to join the peace process and come to terms with Israel.

Clinton cast the US role in the peace process as critical, saying

Arabs and Israelis alike "look to America as we travel the difficult road ahead, until we achieve peace throughout the Middle East."

On Friday, following an early-morning breakfast with President Ezer Weizman, Clinton told re-

porters he could not rule out the possibility that he would be back here soon to move the peace process along.

During the hour-long breakfast meeting, Clinton also promised Weizman to do all in his power to get information about Israel's missing soldiers. Weizman stressed that such information would be regarded by Israel as a confidence-building on the part of the Syrians.

The two presidents reviewed the entire peace process, including possible arrangements with Lebanon and the Gulf Emirates, a source said. Weizman reportedly said that there was no need to rush into a peace settlement with Syria, noting Syrian President Hafez Assad had not yet shown the same regard for Israeli public opinion that the Jordanian monarch had. Syria, he said, should show special understanding for Israel's sensitivity.

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Man fires shots into White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bullets were fired into the West Wing of the White House yesterday but there were no reports of injuries, witnesses and police reported. President Clinton was not endangered.

Witnesses on the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk north of the White House said they saw a man pull what appeared to be a semiautomatic weapon and fire about 15 shots toward the West Wing, where Clinton's office is located.

Clinton, just back after an overnight flight from the Middle East, was resting in the White House residence. Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said Clinton was watching a football game at the time and "heard the cracks."

Panetta confirmed that a suspect had been taken into custody. Witnesses told CNN the man claimed he was from Colorado. CNN described the man as appearing to be between 30 and 35 years old.

Shlomo Goren, former chief rabbi and IDF chaplain, dies at 77

HERB KEINON

RABBI Shlomo Goren, who as chief chaplain of the IDF and chief rabbi of Israel, was one of the country's most dominant and controversial religious figures for nearly four decades, died early yesterday morning at Ichilov Hospital. He was 77.

Goren, complaining that he felt poorly, was admitted to Ichilov last Saturday night and was in the hospital's cardiac intensive care unit since then. On Friday night he was conscious and made Friday night Kiddush with his family around him. He died at 2 a.m.

Goren's funeral procession will leave Tel Aviv's Komitmit Synagogue, which he founded, at 11:30 a.m. today and proceed to the Mt.

of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem. Goren, who published his first halachic works when he was 17, was widely regarded as a halachic giant. He was IDF chaplain for 24 years, Tel Aviv chief rabbi for two, and Israel's Ashkenazi chief rabbi for 10 years.

He founded the Idra Yeshiva near the Western Wall and continued to express his opinions on all matters of state until the final days of his life.

Last year Goren set off a storm when he wrote that IDF soldiers should not carry out orders to uproot settlements. He was also a biting and consistent critic of the government's accord with the PLO and of any territorial compromise in Judea and Samaria.

By the same token, he has written it is permissible to give up parts of the Golan because it is not halachically an integral part of Eretz Yisrael. Goren wrote a work on the halachot of the Temple Mount, ruling that there are areas on it where Jews can pray. Goren, formerly Gorouchik,

was born in 1917 in Zambrov, Poland. He immigrated with his family to Kfar Hassidim, in which his father helped found. In 1928 he began studying at the Hebron Yeshiva in Jerusalem and distinguished himself as a prodigy. He published his first many halachic works in 1935, a book called Nezer Ha-kadosh on Maimonides' Mishne Torah.

In 1936, when the mufti's gangs launched anti-Jewish riots, he joined the Hagana and fought in the Jerusalem area during the War of Independence, serving as a sniper and later as a member of a heavy machine-gun crew. Between 1940 and 1944 he studied philosophy, mathematics, and the classics at the Hebrew University.

With the formation of the IDF, Goren was appointed by chief rabbi Yitzhak Herzog and Ben-Zion Ouziel as chief chaplain of the army. He rose from the rank of colonel to that of brigadier-general. During his service, he completed several specialized courses, including that of the paratroopers.



Shlomo Goren (Lisa Pliskow)

Goren distinguished himself for bravery by accompanying the troops during both the Sinai campaign and the Six Day War, where he was involved in the fight for the

Old City of Jerusalem. One of the lasting images of the war is a photo of Goren blowing the shofar at the Western Wall within an hour after it was liberated.

Goren organized the military chaplaincy, fashioned many of the patterns of halachic observance in the army, and was instrumental in making religious life in the IDF possible. He wrote numerous halachic opinions relating to religious observance during active warfare.

He took a keen interest in recovering the remains of fallen soldiers from enemy territory and identifying the unknown dead. He also worked hard to solve the aguna problems of the wives of missing soldiers.

Although recognized for his halachic mind, Goren was long estranged from haredi circles because of his embrace of Zionism. His flamboyant and outspoken personality kept him in the limelight during his 10-year stint as chief rabbi, where he was often at

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Rabin, Peres meeting Arafat in Casablanca

Economic summit begins today

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Peres will make an offer to Arafat to move ahead on planned elections for autonomy councils in the territories, which have been held up over Israeli disagreement with some Palestinian demands.

"We will discuss the PLO-Israeli peace accord, redeployment [of Israeli troops] in the West Bank and this deadly closure which is killing our economy," Nabil Shaath, in charge of planning in the Palestinian Authority, said of today's meeting with Rabin and Peres.

Peres has been in Morocco since Friday and will open an Israeli interest section in the capital of Rabat on Tuesday. The two countries do not have full diplomatic relations but are expected to establish them in the near future.

Morocco, which has played a behind-the-scenes role in the Middle East peace process, recently established commercial liaison offices with Israel.

After meeting King Hassan on Friday, Peres said the monarch backs a religious solution to Jerusalem, claimed by both the Israelis and Palestinians as their capital.

Hassan, who heads the Islamic

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Who's minding the store?

LIAT COLLINS

THE government has turned itself into a government-in-exile.

Eight ministers and one deputy minister left Friday for Morocco to participate in the economic conference in Casablanca. Prime Minister Rabin joined them last night, and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid leaves today for Tunisia for a conference with his counterparts from the Mediterranean area.

Police and Energy Minister Moshe Shahal will look after the portfolios for the prime minister - who is also defense minister, interior minister and religious affairs minister. He will also assume the foreign affairs, finance, industry and trade, agriculture, tourism,

communications, sciences and arts, transport, and economics portfolios. He replaces Shimon Peres, Avraham Shohat, Micha Harish, Ya'acov Tsur, Uzi Baram, Shulamit Aloni, Yisrael Kessar and Shimon Shitreet respectively. In his spare time, Shahal will also look after Sarid's Environment Ministry.

Shahal just smiled when a reporter compared him to Lord High Everything Else of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado. He will not, at least, have to cope with the regular Sunday cabinet meeting, which has been canceled because the majority of ministers are out of the country.

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Prince Philip arrives

BRITAIN'S Prince Philip, the duke of Edinburgh, arrives here today for a private visit as the guest of Yad Vashem.

This is the first time since the establishment of the state that a member of the British royal family is visiting Israel.

Philip, consort of Queen Elizabeth II, will receive the award of Righteous Among the Nations bestowed upon his late mother, Princess Alice of Greece, who hid a Jewish family in her Athens palace during the Holocaust, at great risk to her own life.

The ceremony, to take place tomorrow at Yad Vashem, will be attended by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and the British and Greek ambassadors. Surviving members of the Cohen family, whom Princess Alice saved, will fly here from Europe for the occasion.

The prince, who will arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport in a private plane this afternoon, will be accompanied by

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his older sister, Princess Sophie, British officials said at a news briefing on Friday.

He will be met by Rubinstein at the airport.

This afternoon, the prince and princess are due to attend a reception in their honor given by the British ambassador at his residence in Ramat Gan. British officials stressed this would be a "private affair," to which Israelis with connections to Britain have been invited.

British NGOs serving in the territories and Palestinians have been invited to a separate reception, to be hosted tomorrow by the consul-general in Jerusalem, they said.

From Ramat Gan, Philip will drive to Ramle, where he will lay a wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.

Only one meeting with an Israeli

leader is scheduled for Philip. Tonight the prince and princess will be guests of President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma at a private dinner at Beit Hanassi.

However, British officials did not rule out the possibility that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, if he returns in time from Casablanca, will also meet the prince after the Yad Vashem ceremony.

The members of the royal family will remain overnight at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

For the duke of Edinburgh, the stay will also provide his first opportunity to visit the crypt where his mother's coffin lies at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on the Mount of Olives.

Princess Sophie was the only family member who attended the reinterment of their mother's remains in Jerusalem in 1988. It had been Princess Alice's dying wish to be laid to eternal rest alongside her son, the Grand-Duchess Elizabeth there.

Arabs' windows broken in Hebron

TWO Kach activists were arrested in Hebron yesterday for allegedly breaking windows in Arab homes, as an estimated 5,000 Jews went to the city to read the Torah portion which relates how Abraham bought the Machpelah Cave to bury his wife, Sara.

A few thousand people prayed outside the Machpelah Cave for Shabbat morning services, followed by IDF-guarded walking tours for many of the visitors through Hebron.

It was reported that at one point a group of Kach activists walked

around the Tel Rumeida area, near the ancient Jewish cemetery in Hebron, and began throwing rocks at Arab homes, damaging a number of windows.

An Arab resident got into a fight with the Kach activists and later needed medical treatment. No arrests were made.

Reuters quoted witnesses as saying that about 50 Jews went on a rampage in the center of Hebron, attacking Palestinians and their shops with

sticks and stones. Two Palestinians were slightly hurt and five shops damaged, a witness said. The two arrests were made after this incident.

Noam Aron, head of the Jewish settlement in Hebron, said the two men were detained for questioning only because they wandered into the Police Square area in Hebron, an area he said the IDF has placed off-limits to Jews.

A police spokesman said night referred questions on the matter to the IDF, which said it was checking into the incidents.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is welcomed with tea and pastries upon his arrival at the Sheraton Hotel in Casablanca on Friday. The Casablanca Conference, a Middle East economic summit, starts today. (AP)

Palestinians rally against Hussein in Jenin, capital

News agencies

SOME 2,000 Palestinians rallied in Jenin against Jordan yesterday, burning a picture of King Hussein and chanting "Jerusalem is ours."

A rally was also held on Sultan Suleiman Street in eastern Jerusalem against Hussein and in support of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Palestinians feel pushed aside by the Israel-Jordan peace treaty, believing it gives Hussein a special role in running the Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem.

In Jenin, protesters carried a large banner proclaiming "Jerusalem is only for the Palestinians." The marchers, supporters of Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction, chanted "Hussein, you coward, you agent of the Americans."

On Friday, the PLO-appointed Moslem religious leader of Jerusalem warned there would be no peace unless the Palestinians controlled their

part of the city.

"The issue of Jerusalem will be the cause to blow up the whole situation, not only in Palestine, but also in the rest of the world," Mufti Ikrama Sabri told Moslem worshippers at the Al-Aksa Mosque.

"All the agreements signed with Arab leaders at that moment will be invalid," Sabri said in the sermon published yesterday in Jerusalem's Arabic-language *Al-Nahar* daily.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian parliament yesterday threw its weight behind Hussein's efforts to maintain his custody of the shrines.

The 80-man lower house Chamber of Deputies praised the king's peace efforts, but did not debate the treaty. Parliament is not expected to deliver its verdict on the treaty until it has been formally handed a copy of the

document. No date has yet been set for that, although an unofficial copy was circulating among legislators yesterday.

Jordan's powerful Moslem fundamentalists, fierce opponents of Amman's peace treaty with Israel, claimed yesterday the government was cracking down on them as part of the deal.

The Islamic Action Front (IAF), the largest political party in parliament, threatened to boycott the lower house if deputies did not deal seriously with a curb on public freedoms, including what it claims was a "government-engineered" attack on IAF deputy Abdul-Moneem Abu Zinat outside an Amman mosque on Friday.

One of the IAF's leading deputies scored the government in tough lan-

guage in parliament and suggested a deal had been struck with Israel in the peace treaty signed on Wednesday to curb Islamic fundamentalists in Jordan.

"Since then (Wednesday), we have been surprised by the sudden imposition of a state of emergency and preparation to implement the dues of peace with the enemy by cracking down on the Islamic movement under the banner of confronting forces opposed to peace," IAF deputy Abdullah Alkhalil told a regular session of the lower house.

The government has not officially responded to the IAF's allegations and has not declared a state of emergency. But the government has banned demonstrations by both supporters and opponents of the treaty and has sealed off all large open spaces in Amman to head off anti-peace rallies.

Isramco shares rebound slightly

Post Business Staff

SHARES in oil exploration company Isramco rose 2.4 percent in trading on Wall Street on Friday.

This followed a 14.3% drop on Thursday after the company announced it had decided to halt drilling at its Yam-Yafo 1 rig just off the Herzliya coast.

A few weeks ago Isramco shares surged on news that signs of oil or gas had been found at the site, only to slip back when the company said there was no indication that commercial quantities of either were present.

The latest announcement came after the completion of trading on the TASE, where Isramco is also traded, so local investors had no chance to react to the news.

NEWS IN BRIEF

University staff threatens strike

SOME 23,000 students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem — the country's second largest campus — and another 6,000 at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba are scheduled to start the new academic year today. But their counterparts at Tel Aviv and Haifa universities, which opened last week, might find themselves without classes.

The junior staff at Tel Aviv and Haifa began teaching on schedule but they plan to hold a two-day warning strike, disrupting many of the classes, beginning this morning. The staff are threatening that, unless they get salary hikes, they will go on an open-ended strike from next week.

Jordan flies passengers to Israel

A Royal Jordanian air force helicopter flew a group of musicians to Israel yesterday after the border crossing from Aqaba was closed, Israeli airport sources said.

They said the reason for the landing was a mystery. Israel and Jordan still have not reached a flight agreement.

Hamas asks Arafat to reopen dialogue

Hamas offered yesterday to renew a dialogue with Yasser Arafat's government that broke off when Palestinian police arrested hundreds of Hamas followers earlier this month.

"We call on our brothers... to start a dialogue and remind them of our strong relations in the past, when we stood in the same trench against the enemy," said a Hamas leaflet distributed in the Gaza Strip.

Remand extended in wife murder

Ovadia Levy, accused of murdering his wife Muneira, in their daughter's home in Alfei Menashe on Thursday, had his remand extended by 15 days by a Kfar Sava Magistrate's Court judge on Friday.

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ARRIVALS

Susan Katz, National President, and Rosalind Passwell, National Executive Director, National Council of Jewish Women, USA, heading a delegation, for meetings of the Board of Directors of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education, at the Hebrew University, October 30 - November 2.



To Rabbi Goren's family

We join you in mourning for

Major General (Res.) Rabbi SHLOMO GOREN

First IDF chief chaplain and founder of the IDF Chaplaincy Corps

Chief of the General Staff: Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak and the IDF General Staff

With deep sorrow we regret to announce the untimely death of our beloved

NOMI (Joel) SIGMUND

The funeral will take place today, October 30, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Husband: Jacob Sigmund

Daughters: Dailt, Orit and their families

And family in Israel and abroad

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our dear

ZVI WINEBERG ז"ל

there will be a graveside memorial service on Tuesday, November 1, 1994, at 3 p.m., in the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul.

We shall meet in the entrance plaza.

The Family

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about half of them for water systems, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The creation of a regional development bank could also be announced at the conference. Such a bank is expected to be capitalized at \$10 billion.

The summit was seen as another major step toward ending the decades-old Arab boycott of Israel.

"Someday it will have to disappear, but this conference will largely empty it of its meaning," King Hassan said in an interview published in the French daily *Libération*.

Businessmen and ministers traveling Friday on El Al's first direct flight to Casablanca cautioned that the three-day extravaganza will not result in large numbers of closed deals. However, they all said they see the meeting as a basis for future agreements.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said that the conference constitutes an opening of economic relations throughout the region.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel agreed, adding that the infrastructure for economic relations will be laid at the conference, with gov-

ernments demonstrating the support necessary to give the private sector the confidence to invest in an area with a history of instability.

Shohat cited projects that could be implemented rapidly, such as developing the Jordan Rift Valley into a tourism center. He said that he and the Jordanian finance minister had begun exploring the possibility of having the Akaba international airport also serve Eilat. In this way, the government could avoid spending \$120 million to build a larger airport in Eilat. The Jordanians would also benefit from the deal, since they would collect user fees from the airlines, he said.

Shohat also revealed that Israel has agreed to permit the import of \$30 million worth of goods from Jordan, though he noted that industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish opposes this, insisting that the principle of reciprocity should be maintained.

Shohat argued that since Jordan's economy is less developed than Israel's, local industry does not have much to fear from such a limited increase in imports.

GOREN

(Continued from Page One) odds with the other chief rabbi, Ovadia Yosef.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent condolences to the Goren family last night and said, "I will remember him as the person who laid the foundations of the [IDF] Chief Rabbi's office, and the one who was first and foremost an innovator when it came to halachot and the army."

Rabbi Goren knew how to weave the urgent needs of the army with the commandments of the Torah. He not only initiated halachot, but was also — until he left the army — involved in the difficult and wonderful moments of IDF soldiers," Rabin said.

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said last night that "with the passing of Rabbi Goren, the Jewish people have lost a person of immense stature and unique personality."

National Religious Party head MK Zevulun Hammer said Goren was one of the Torah greats of the generation, and that "he fought the battles for Torah and the Land of Israel without fear, and contributed mightily to making the IDF a Jewish army."

Goren is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

SOLDIER

(Continued from Page One) Army Radio.

"But such acts only lead to a hardening of Israeli positions, because such positions are usually dictated by the security situation on the ground," Sarid said.

Both the Likud and Tsomet issued statements last night saying Assad was responsible for all Hizbullah attacks.

Klein, the son of a farmer and an English teacher, is to be buried at 3 p.m. today at Kibbutz Mesot Yitzhak. At the request of the family, he will be buried in the regular section of the cemetery, not the military section, though he will have a military funeral.

Klein was the oldest of four sons, and was to be released from the army in about a month.

His father, Mordechai, was told of his son's death while he was in the synagogue studying Talmud. According to the settlement's rabbi, Arye Solomon, who was learning with him, the father took the news quietly and resumed studying, saying, "It is Shabbat, and it is forbidden to mourn."

CLINTON

(Continued from Page One) shive position on the Golan Heights, and should negotiate directly with Jerusalem.

In Saudi Arabia, Clinton and Saudi King Fahd agreed that international economic sanctions against Iraq should not be lifted until Baghdad complies with the terms of all the UN resolutions enacted at the end of the Gulf War.

The two leaders said in a communique that anything short of that would only encourage the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "to continue its aggressive policies and to flout the will of the international community."

Clinton and Fahd also condemned terrorist acts and called for "widening the circle of peacekeepers" in the Middle East.

Earlier on Friday, Clinton traveled to a desert US outpost in Kuwait, about 80 km. from the Iraqi border, to signal his determination to deter any repeat of Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion. He is the first US president to visit Kuwait.

In searing heat, Clinton greeted about 2,000 troops, gathered in the sand alongside battle tanks.

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In great sorrow we announce the passing of

EVA FUCHS

on October 29

She donated her body to science

Daughter: Ruth and Asher Or

Son: Dan and Irit Fuchs

Sister: Bartal Engel

Grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Please refrain from condolence visits

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved

OTTO JULIUS STEIN

The funeral will take place on Monday, October 31, 1994, at 15:30, at Kfar Hanoar Hadati, Kfar Hassidim.

His wife: Eva Michaelis Stein

Families: Stein, Durlacher, Gilal, Raffeld, Ofner, and Michaelis

Shiva at 15 Yefeh Nof (Panorama) Street, Haifa.

In great sorrow we announce the passing of our dear father, brother and grandfather

FAIVEL ZYGIELBAUM

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, October 30, 1994, (25 Heshvan), at 12:30 at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery in Tel Aviv.

We will meet at the cemetery entrance.

Families Zygielbaum, Slomowitz, Ayalon, Danziger and all the members of the family.

Shiva at the home of his daughter, Ilana Slomowitz, Rehov Shemesh 37/7 Neveh Tzedek, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-5107333

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INVITATION

New EU chief names his team

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The new chief executive of the European Union picked his team yesterday, appointing 21 men and women to positions that will allow them to help shape the policies of the giant trade bloc for the next five years.

Jacques Santer, outgoing prime minister of Luxembourg, has invited the designated members of the EU's executive body, the European Commission, to a chateau in his tiny homeland.

The commission, with a staff of 15,000, runs the EU's daily affairs. Although its powers are limited by wary member states, it can propose legislation to be adopted and enacted throughout the Union.

Governments of EU member nations get to name their commissioners. But Santer will tell them which positions they get. Without enough prime positions to go round, Santer will have to cut the ambitions of some down to size.

"It will be the night of the long knives," he told reporters recently. "There will certainly be problems."

Many of those problems will be his. The bigger nations will try to bully the Luxembourgier into giving their nominees the most influential posts, such as foreign affairs, trade or finance.

Santer was scheduled to reveal his choices at a news conference early yesterday evening, but officials warned the talks could go on much later.

The new commission will take over in January. Santer was appointed by fellow EU leaders in July to replace Frenchman Jacques Delors in the EU's top job.

He has kept his cards close to his chest. But the word at EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, is that he may well split up the most powerful positions.

Santer could try to keep overall control of the EU's trade and foreign policies for himself, giving new colleagues only a subordinate role in charge of particular regions.

The EU's current trade czar, Sir Leon Brittan of Britain, and foreign

affairs chief Hans van den Broek of the Netherlands are staying on in the new commission — and are resisting any attempt to dilute their powers.

"He thinks it's more important to keep cohesion, than to split the jobs up so everybody gets one," said an aide to Brittan.

Van den Broek may be consoled with relations with Eastern Europe, a potentially important position as the former communist nations seek closer links to the Union.

Santer is expected to offer Brittan relations with the United States, Japan and other big industrial powers.

Foreign affairs is likely to be further subdivided by Spain's Manuel Marin dealing with Latin America and the Middle East, while Joao de Deus Pinheiro, a former Portuguese foreign minister, gets Africa.

Italian economist Mario Monti and Yves Thibault de Silguy, an adviser to the French government, are expected to fight for the right to oversee the EU nation's attempts to unite their currencies and set up a joint-central bank.

Once again, Santer may seek a compromise by dividing up the post of finance and economics commissioner.

The new executive will have more big names than its predecessors.

Edith Cresson, former prime minister of France, is tipped to become research and industry commissioner. Neil Kinnock, one-time head of Britain's Labor Party, is hoping for transport.

And the United Nations' peace negotiator in Bosnia, Thorvald Stoltenberg, could take charge of controversial fishing rights decisions. His appointment depends on Norway voting "yes" to membership in a Nov. 27 referendum.

Sweden will put joining to the vote on Nov. 13. Finland and Austria have already voted for membership.

Brazil evicts Greenpeace vessel

BRASILIA (Reuters) — Authorities ordered a vessel belonging to the environmental activist group Greenpeace to leave Brazil because of an Amazon River port protest, police said yesterday.

About 60 Greenpeace activists and local supporters climbed aboard the Ukrainian freighter *Kapitan Trubkin* in the port of Santarem and halted the loading of hardwoods lumber for more than an hour, a Federal Police spokesman in Santarem said.

The activists sat on boards waiting to be loaded, climbed up cranes and displayed a banner saying, "Stop the predatory cutting of trees."

They have been travelling up the Amazon aboard the vessel Greenpeace to draw attention to the plight of the rain forest. Santarem is about 1,900 km north of Brasilia in one of the region's most heavily logged areas.

The state Federal Police chief ordered the vessel to leave Brazil within 24 hours for interfering in the country's internal affairs.

"We ordered the ship to leave because of the protest yesterday," said the spokesman. "They have not left yet."

He said the *Kapitan Trubkin* was scheduled to leave Santarem on Friday.

Greenpeace said in a statement the vessel was carrying 27,000 tonnes of wood bound for France, The Netherlands and Southeast Asia.

The group is trying to have authorities in Brasilia overturn the expulsion order.

"It is totally unacceptable that destroyers of the forest are allowed to continue their illegal and unregulated activities while non-violent environmental protesters are threatened with expulsion," Greenpeace coordinator Jose Augusto Padua said in the statement.

Anti-apartheid Movement bows out

LONDON (Reuters) — The Anti-Apartheid Movement, which campaigned for 35 years against racism in South Africa, dissolved itself yesterday, saying its aims had been achieved with the advent of democratic rule there.

Members voted unanimously to wind up the organization at an emotional final annual general meeting in London — then immediately agreed to start a new group, Action for Southern Africa, which will concentrate on lobbying government and business for aid for the region.

"It should never have been necessary for us to exist for so long," a founding member and the

group's honorary secretary, Abdul Minty, told the meeting.

Apartheid crumbled in South Africa last April with the country's first all-race elections.

Cheryl Carolus, a member of the once-outlawed African National Congress, said she was deeply moved by the movement's final meeting.

"I have a feeling of déjà vu, very like that day in April when I went and voted with my parents and one remaining grandparent, and we really could not believe that we would ever have lived to see the day when we would be able to cast the vote," she said.

Restaurant swaps cockroaches for clients

PARIS (Reuters) — The chic Le Fouquet's restaurant on the Paris Champs Elysees avenue has found a way to try to lure back customers who fled after damning reports of cockroaches in the kitchen.

From next week, regulars can book tables placed in the overhauled kitchen to see for them-

selves it is now beyond reproach, the daily *Liberation* reported yesterday.

A scandal erupted when health inspectors discovered cockroaches among the porcelain plates and dishes, flies in the potato taster and lavatory disinfectant tablets above a box of sugar lumps.

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Bosnian government army cadets practice on a hill near Sarajevo last week. (Reuters)

Moslems widen autumn offensive against Serb forces

News agencies
SARAJEVO

BOSNIAN government troops widened an autumn offensive against the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) to the Sarajevo area yesterday, launching a powerful infantry assault from a demilitarized zone near the city.

A platoon of about 30 French peacekeepers was deployed to monitor and deter the attack, which could intensify Serb anger about the continued use of the demilitarized zone by government troops.

Two artillery shells hit Sarajevo yesterday, wounding at least four people, after the outbreak of fighting outside the city. Sarajevo police said.

The shells exploded in the Moslem suburb Hrasnica, and other reports said the district was also hit by mortar and anti-aircraft fire.

UN peacekeepers said BSA commanders were "incandescent with rage" following the attack under cover of fog on two Serb villages southwest of the Bosnian capital.

It followed the worst defeat of the war for Bosnian Serb forces who lost 200 square km of territory to Moslems around Bihac in

northwestern Bosnia this week and suffered reverses near Kupres, west of Sarajevo.

The government army yesterday claimed the capture of the biggest town yet in its drive through northwest Bosnia, and accused Serb soldiers of burning nearby villages before abandoning them.

In the northwest, UN authorities said hundreds of Serbs had fled from the town of Kulen Vakuf, but were unable to confirm government claims that it had fallen.

Government forces also attacked Serb positions about 20 km southwest of Sarajevo, backing the attack yesterday with fire from a howitzer located in a UN-patrolled demilitarized zone, UN officials said.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of UN peacekeepers suffering the brunt of Bosnian Serb anger, told a Sarajevo radio station he believed "the strategic balance (in Bosnia) is

slowly turning against the BSA".

He added: "There may come a moment when the Bosnian government perceives that it is in their interest to return to full-scale war. If it did so in the short term, it would be a catastrophe for the people of this country."

The peacekeeper commander in Sarajevo, Maj. Gen. Herve Goullard, is "fed up with the situation" on the ground and likely to abandon negotiations about the demilitarized zone and supply roads, said UN spokesman Maj. Herve Goullard.

The UN's aid network in Bosnia has been thrown into turmoil by a BSA blockade of civilian aid convoys and fuel supplies for UN peacekeepers in Moslem enclaves on Serb soil.

Widespread fighting would cripple it with winter in the offing and more than a million lives at stake.

The BSA dominated the war with its huge superiority in heavy weapons but it now is defending more territory than it can control

against the more numerous Moslems.

Its setbacks create a dilemma for Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic who cut off supplies of fuel and arms to the Bosnian Serbs when they rejected an international peace plan in August.

Defeats in Bosnia give nationalist hardliners in Belgrade ammunition to accuse Milosevic of betraying Serbs by pursuing peace on terms dictated by the outside world.

The DMZ attack embarrassed the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) which has been trying, under BSA pressure, to force Moslems to leave the zone which contains their only free access road to Sarajevo.

French troops backed by two light tanks were sent to intercept the attackers and, stopped, about 30. But the Bosnian Serb news agency (SRNA) said the attack was still continuing as BSA commanders met to plan their response.

They have already been warned they risk NATO air strikes if they retaliate against civilian targets in Sarajevo and Bihac.

Mozambique election extended one day

MAPUTO (AP) — Turnout for Mozambique's first election since independence was high, with more than 80 percent of registered voters casting ballots on the first two days of voting, the election commission said.

Officials scheduled a third day of voting yesterday after a former rebel chief who now leads the main opposition called off a failed boycott announced just hours before voting began Thursday.

Afonso Dhlakama had said it was impossible for his Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) to participate in the vote because shoddy procedures made it open to fraud.

He reversed himself Friday after the United States, UN election monitors and Mozambique's African neighbors assured him that his complaints would be fully investigated and, where possible resolved.

Dhlakama cast his own vote late Friday, declaring to reporter and election observers crowded into a polling station: "It is my victory to have the election in Mozambique."

Poor communications in Mozambique had made it almost impossible for Renamo to spread the word of its boycott. Election officials said yesterday that some areas had heard neither of the boycott nor the additional voting day.

Light rain fell early yesterday but it was not believed serious enough to make the country's poor roads impassable or disrupt voting.

At any rate, the elections commission said more than 80 percent of the 6.3 million registered voters had gone to the polls Thursday and Friday.

The UN-nurtured vote is Mozambique's first free election since the leftist Mozambique Liberation Front, or Frelimo, took over after independence from Portugal in 1975.

Civil war broke out in 1977 between the leftist Frelimo and rightist Renamo. Some 600,000 people died in war, famine and disease and the economy was wrecked before a peace pact was signed in 1992.

Renamo and Frelimo are expected to win almost all the 251 parliament seats.

During the two years of planning the election after the 1992 peace accord, Renamo repeatedly increased demands and threatened to scuttle the process to gain money and other benefits it said it needed to transform itself from a fighting force into a political party.

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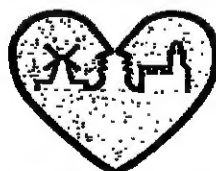
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Clinton back in demand

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sudden President Clinton is in demand by Democratic candidates.

It's not exactly a groundswell, but several campaigns that had been keeping Clinton at arm's length are now interested in having the president visit in the mid-term campaign's final week, hoping he can motivate a lethargic Democratic base.

Polls show some of the renewed interest stems from renewed popularity as a result of Clinton's successful Midwest trip.

Tomorrow, Clinton plans two stops in Pennsylvania for embattled Sen. Harris Wofford and Lt. Gov. Mark Singel, who is running for governor. Until late last week, the Wofford campaign wasn't sure whether a Clinton visit would help or hurt.

In Ohio, Senate candidate Joel Hyatt was nowhere to be found when Clinton visited a week ago. But the president's visit nonetheless coincided with a bit of a Hyatt comeback in the polls, so his campaign is suddenly interested in having the president back.

And in Iowa, former Rep. David Nagle is calling on Clinton to help him in his comeback bid. Nagle's campaign asked that Clinton stop in Iowa during his campaign travels this week.

Other scheduled Clinton stops include Minnesota and Michigan for Senate candidates in tossup races. Washington state for Senate challenger Ron Sims. Rhode Island for several Democratic candidates and California for State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, who has narrowed Gov. Pete Wilson's lead in recent days. And White House advisers say other requests have come in as well, and that Clinton likely will spend most of the final week traveling.

In virtually every case, Clinton's public appearances are geared toward exciting core Democratic voters, particularly the elderly and minorities.

Giuliani, Cuomo campaign together

NEW YORK (AP) - For the first time since New York's Republican mayor crossed party lines to endorse the Democratic governor, the two men campaigned together.

Rudolph Giuliani and Mario Cuomo held an old-fashioned pep rally on Long Island - where suburban voters could determine the election's outcome.

"Party loyalty asks too much when it asks you to go against the interests of your city and state," Giuliani, mayor of New York City, said.

"I am proud to be a Republican," the mayor added. "And I support every other Republican candidate for statewide office other than the one for governor."

The choice of location for the rally was strategic. Suburban voters could well decide the race, with Cuomo, a liberal Democrat, likely to carry New York City while Republican George Pataki picks up most of his support upstate.

Pataki has put a sinister spin on the Giuliani endorsement, saying the mayor is supporting Cuomo in exchange for a promised \$100 million in state aid for New York City.



Slain Sri Lankan opposition leader Gamini Dissanayake's widow, Srma, places flowers on his body yesterday. (Reuters)

Sri Lanka cremates slain opposition leader

MINOLI de SOYSA
COLOMBO

SRI Lankan opposition leader Gamini Dissanayake, killed by a suicide bomber while campaigning for the presidency, was cremated at Colombo's Independence Square yesterday before thousands of mourners.

Two of his nephews lit the funeral pyre in the presence of Dissanayake's widow Srma, picked by his United National Party this week to replace him as their candidate for the November 9 poll.

Dissanayake, killed with 53 others on Sunday by a blast at a campaign rally, was cremated on a three-tiered pyre covered with white cloth edged with green - the color of his party.

Former speaker Haniffa Mohamed, who says Dissanayake's assassination was a conspiracy between the government and Tamil rebels, called for an official commission to probe the killing.

"This killing (by Tamil) terrorists is a barbaric act and a senseless action that has plunged the country into despair and grief," he said in a funeral oration.

The government has rejected Mohamed's allegations.

Government representatives, including Home Affairs Minister Amarasinghe Premadasa who was to have spoken at the ceremony, failed to turn up, probably fearing trouble from mourners.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and cabinet ministers were abused by a hostile crowd when they went to Dissanayake's residence to pay their respects.

Earlier yesterday, Dissanayake's cortege made its way through a maze of streets clogged with silent mourners on a 90-minute journey to the cremation site.

The only sounds on an otherwise quiet evening came from a helicopter which showered rose flowers - a mark of respect at Sri Lankan state funerals - on the procession.

Police estimated that about 100,000 people took part, far more than attended the assassinated President Ranasinghe Premadasa's funeral in May 1993.

The capital was festooned with white flags, the traditional south Asian colour of mourning, together with banners and large pictures of the dead leader. The government lifted an evening curfew but retained the option of re-imposing it.

A military spokesman said the situation was calm. But security forces noticeably tightened security and police and soldiers patrolled the streets. No incidents were reported.

Police meanwhile sent the head and other fragmentary remains of the suspected female assassin to Scotland Yard for further analysis by British forensic experts. The woman is believed to have detonated explosives strapped to her body.

Inspector-General of Police Frank Silva told Reuters that a police team and a doctor had accompanied the remains to Colombo.

He said they would see if the woman had taken cyanide before the blast. Tamil Tiger rebels wear cyanide capsules which they swallow to avoid being captured alive.

While Kumaratunga's left-leaning government has been wary of setting blame for the "bombing," the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who have fought an 11-year war for a separate state in the north and east for Sri Lanka's 2.5 million minority Tamil community, have denied involvement.

Dissanayake's supporters have said the government has been minimising involvement by the Tigers so as not to jeopardise the current round of peace talks with the rebels. (Reuters)

Jury clears twin in double sex scam

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) - A man who impersonated his twin to have sex with the brother's girl was cleared by a jury in just five minutes.

Lamont Hough, 24, of Roosevelt, was found innocent of criminal impersonation. Hough admitted having sex with the woman but said he had not pretended to be his brother Lenny.

Defense attorney Peter Borgiorno said the jury of five women and one man did not believe the woman was fooled as he alleged. He said Lamont and Lenny have different personalities.

ALEXANDER Solzhenitsyn thundered into Russian politics Friday with his first speech to parliament - a blistering address that said democracy in his homeland remains just a dream.

The 75-year-old writer, who crossed Russia by train this summer after 20 years in exile, cast himself as a messenger from the suffering people, from "the soul of an ordinary man."

But some in his audience wondered whether Solzhenitsyn, who showed the outrage and passion that informed his books about the Soviet prison camps, were not as out of touch with the Russian people as the politicians he condemned.

As Russia's most famous living dissident and author, Solzhenitsyn was seen by many as a potential political player and moral authority when he returned to Russia in May. But he has kept a low profile, appearing occasionally on an interview show on national TV, always criticizing the government.

He is generally unpopular as a political figure - despised by communists for his opposition to Soviet power and distrusted by liberals for his nationalist streak.

Not even his books, such as *The Gulag Archipelago*, *The First Circle* and *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, are read much by Russia's younger generations.

"His wave has already passed," said Natalya Zorkina, senior researcher at the Russian Center for Public Opinion and Market Research.

British want ban on MPs lobbying for money

PAUL MYLREA
LONDON

AS Prime Minister John Major fights to end a row over political sleaze, a new poll shows Britons want a ban on all payments to politicians by lobbyists.

Major, facing record mid-term opinion poll lows, has been rocked by a scandal which began with allegations that ruling Conservatives were paid by a millionaire Egyptian-born retailer to argue his case during a bitter takeover battle.

An angry Major yesterday dismissed the row as a media campaign of worthless "tittle-tattle".

But his position was weakened further by the new poll commissioned from the Harris organisation by Independent Television News and broadcast late on Friday.

The poll said 85 percent of those questioned felt members of parliament should be banned from receiving money from lobbyists.

Two thirds of the 634 interviewees said MPs standards had slipped during 15 years of unbroken Conservative rule.

The new poll followed hard on the heels of the resignation of a deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, Angela Rumbold, from a prominent political lobbying firm.

Rumbold said on Friday she had resigned to avoid further bad publicity for Major but she defended the role of lobbyists, attacking the media for a "campaign of innuendo and of frenzy".

Major's aides denied that Rumbold had done anything wrong. But the growing scandal, and the fact that it is overshadowing an economic recovery which the Conservatives see as the key to an election victory in 1997 and progress towards peace in Northern Ireland, is clearly frustrating Major.

During a visit to Wales, he angrily snapped at a reporter who asked him why he objected to a parliamentary probe into specific allegations of sleaze being held in public.

"Would you like to explain to me why? You don't know, do you. You don't know. You've been handed a question and you must ask to try to produce some sort of innuendo and it's got no basis in fact at all," the normally calm Major said.

In the last two weeks, 36 Conservative and 11 Labour parliamentarians have declared 68 foreign visits in the register of interests of members of parliament.

Some politicians said the rush to the register, designed to stop conflicts of interest by making members' outside activities public, was normal when parliament returned from a summer break.

But other said the latest scandal had made them more forthcoming. One Labour member, Clare Short, registered the gift of a small rug from the prime minister of Azerbaijan.

The row over sleaze began with allegations by Mohammed al-Fayed that lobbyists working for him had paid MPs to support him in his fight to take over the exclusive Harrods store.

One junior minister admitted receiving payment and resigned. Another minister, who denied the allegations and is suing the newspaper which printed them, was forced by Major to quit.

A third minister, Treasury Chief Secretary Jonathan Aitken, has also been drawn into the row. On Friday, Aitken released documents showing he had paid all his bill for a stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris, owned by Fayed. The Guardian newspaper had alleged a Saudi Arabian businessman Said Mohammed Ays had paid half the 8,000 (\$1,560) bill. (Reuters)

Kermit: First frog to speak to Oxford Union

OXFORD (Reuters) - Kermit the Frog, the first amphibian ever to address Oxford University's famed debating society, won a standing ovation on from 1,000 adoring students.

He told them to think green and tidy up their rooms. The students, reared on a childhood diet of Muppet shows on television every Saturday, lapped up every word of advice from the swampy little environmentalist.

Kermit firmly scotched any rumors that he and Miss Piggy were romantically attached. "She is a pig for God's sake," he said with a shiver of distaste about his fellow Muppet who has been pursuing him in vain for years.

He also discouraged anyone against kissing frogs in case they turned into princes - the British Royal family is scandal-plagued enough with the breakup of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's marriage.

"I think the Royal Family has enough problems without Miss Piggy hanging around Buckingham Palace," Kermit told Britain's most famous debating chamber after the House of Commons.

He followed in some very distinguished footsteps. Mother Teresa and four former US presidents - Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter,

Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan - have all spoken to the Oxford Union.

"I reckoned if Ronald Reagan could do it then so could I," Kermit said before one of the longest live appearances he has ever made in a 40-year career.

Kermit was fast on his flippers when the students came up with some blunt questions.

One asked: "Are you for or against bestiality?" He retorted: "I was a big fan of their earlier albums."

Sadly, being from a family of several thousand tadpoles, his parents couldn't afford the college fees.

But the frog who has become a cultural icon was in surprisingly contemplative mood when telling the students: "It's not easy being green."

The environmental message from the ageing New Age philosopher came across loud and clear: "As the first frog to speak before the Oxford Union, I'm not just here as an amphibian."

"I'm here really on behalf of all the species who are lower than you on the food chain ... If the earth is our home, then on behalf of all the animals in the world, I am asking you to please clean up your room."

Solzhenitsyn addresses Russian parliament

JULIA RUBIN
MOSCOW

Still, Solzhenitsyn's reception in parliament's lower house, the State Duma, was warm. The usually rowdy chamber, about three-thirds full, was hushed during much of the 50-minute speech.

Bursts of applause became more infrequent as the speech wore on and Solzhenitsyn turned his ire on virtually every political current, from market reformers to Communists to the leaders of restive regions and republics.

"Throughout my travels around the country, the people have begged me to come to Moscow and tell the Duma and the president what has been piling up and is boiling in the soul of an ordinary man," said the Nobel Prize-winning author.

Dressed in an olive green suit cut in semi-military fashion, Solzhenitsyn stood at a lectern adorned with the new government seal, the double-headed eagle of czarist times.

Shouting often and gesticulating dramatically, he ran through the painful changes that have accompanied Russia's post-Soviet turn toward capitalism: crime, inflation, industrial decline, poor health, the dominance of the US dollar.

He said the country still is run by Soviet "nomenklatura" turncoats disguised as democrats. "Russia is emerging from Communism on the most twisted, pain-

ful and awkward path," he said. "We must admit honestly, this is not a democracy. Now we have an oligarchy since the power belongs to a limited number of people."

Solzhenitsyn urged the creation of grassroots, self-governing bodies modeled after the "zemstvo" of pre-revolutionary Russia. He also urged closer ties between Slavs in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, and between Russia's own republics and regions.

As in the past, Solzhenitsyn refrained from naming President Boris Yeltsin, something some commentators have been anxious for him to do.

"Is the incumbent Russian president so complex that even Alexander Solzhenitsyn needs decades of thought to study him?" asked the *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* daily.

Especially for Russians of his generation, Solzhenitsyn's address to a Russian parliament was an emotional event.

"We old people, we know him. We suffered as much as he has suffered. We have been humiliated as he has been humiliated," said Joe Glazer, a former camp inmate who went to the parliament building to see Solzhenitsyn.

But Glazer said he would rather see Solzhenitsyn stay out of politics.

"He's an author ... let him keep on writing. Let him tell the world what life is like right now, in stories."

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Multiple sclerosis drug offers hope

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

TWO years ago, there was no long-term medication for victims of multiple sclerosis. Now there are two, one of them developed over the past quarter century by Weizmann Institute scientists.

The Israeli drug, Copaxone (also known as Copolymer-1 or COP-1) has shown significant promise in reducing the number and severity of MS attacks in people with the relapsing-remitting type of this autoimmune disease.

COP-1, a synthetic polypeptide, was designed specifically for relapsing-remitting MS. It is manufactured in Netanya and Beersheva by Teva Pharmaceuticals, which purchased the rights from the Weizmann scientists.

The other medication is Betaseron (interferon beta 1a), produced by Biogen Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and approved by the US Food and Drug Administration last year. Betaseron, a very expensive drug based on a natural chemical in the body, produced similar results to those of COP-1, and scored somewhat better than COP-1 in the slowing of accumulated permanent disability, but it causes serious side effects and is not specifically aimed at MS.

Prof. Ruth Arnon, the Weizmann scientist who developed COP-1 along with her colleagues Prof. Michael Sela and Dvora Teitelbaum, discussed the drug at a press conference held during the recent American Neurological Association meeting in San Francisco - to which Israeli and European journalists were linked up by video-conference and telephone.

Arnon said it was likely that clinical trials with the two drugs given simultaneously to MS patients would be carried out soon. "The two medications deal with the disease in entirely different ways. We think it possible that when used together, they will have a combined and even synergistic effect."

MS is a potentially devastating, neurological disease in which the patient's immune system mistakenly attacks the myelin coating of the nerves as if it were a foreign invader. During the attacks, the messages sent to and from the brain cannot travel easily over the nerve pathways; this leads to a number of problems, including blurred vision, poor balance, impaired muscular movement, weakened hearing, incontinence and paralysis.

Seventy-five percent of patients are women; most of the victims first show symptoms between the ages 20 and 40. Some 1,500 Israelis and 300,000 Americans suffer from MS, which is more common in countries north of the equator than in the southern hemisphere. COP-1 should be registered

officially by the Health Ministry in 1996, thus allowing all patients to get it from their health funds.

The FDA is expected to approve commercial use of COP-1 within a year of Teva's application for registration sometime in 1995; there are over 100,000 Americans with the relapsing-remitting type of MS. Because this type of the disease affects fewer than 300,000 Americans, COP-1 enjoys "orphan drug" status, giving Teva special patent and marketing benefits.

About 30 percent of MS patients have only one benign attack in their lifetime; they are the fortunate ones. Those with the relapsing-remitting type, who constitute some 30 percent of all MS victims, suffer attacks that reduce their functioning; they are given strong doses of steroids to weaken the T-cells that attack the myelin, but these drugs cannot be given over long periods because of their serious side effects.

Patients with relapsing-remitting MS regain some or nearly all of their abilities when the attack goes into remission, but their overall neurological functioning tends to decline.

The remaining 40 percent of patients have progressive relapsing MS, with significantly less recovery of neurological function or chronic progressive MS, in which the road is straight downhill.

Over the past few years, 150 Israelis with relapsing-remitting MS have been receiving the COP-1 in open trials at Hadassah-University Hospital, Meir, Assaf Harofeh and Ichilov Hospitals: all the patients get the drug, and none gets the placebo. These trials have shown promising results, but were mainly conducted to study the severity of side effects (almost nil) and the level of safety (very high). According to Teva's vice president for business development, Aharon Schwartz, 11 additional centers in Israel will offer clinical trials of COP-1 soon, thus allowing all the 500 Israelis who have this type of MS to apply for participation.

Phase-III clinical trials (to prove a drug's effectiveness) were held in 11 hospitals around the US. Unlike those in Israel, these were randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled tests, in which half of the patients injected themselves daily with COP-1 and the other half gave themselves a shot with a harmless substance. Neither the patients nor their doctors knew who was receiving the COP-1 and who got the harmless placebo. The medical status of the patients was evaluated objectively using the Kurtzke Expanded Disability Status Scale.

Dr. Kenneth Johnson, the principal in-



Prof. Ruth Arnon, with two Weizmann Institute colleagues, developed long-term medication for victims of MS - a potentially devastating disease.

vestigator of the phase-III trials and chairman of the neurology department of the University of Maryland Medical School, said the two-year study included a total of 251 patients with relapsing-remitting MS.

COP-1, said Johnson, reduced the number of relapses in two years to only 1.37, compared to 1.74 in the placebo group; this is regarded as statistically significant with a 24 percent reduction of attacks. The drug also slowed the decline in neurological functioning. He added that the positive effect of COP-1 was even more observable the longer patients were taking it; there were many fewer attacks near the end of the two years than at the beginning. "It seems that the earlier patients get the drug, the better," he said.

While the numerical difference may not seem very great to the layman, Johnson explained that any medication that can slow the appearance of MS attacks and reduce their severity grants patients more years of productivity. While COP-1 is certainly no cure, a drug that even delays and reduces neurological disability is very welcome to MS patients. A cure remains at least a

decade away, so COP-1 or Betaseron - or both together - could preserve the functioning of many patients until then.

Arnon noted that COP-1's specificity to this type of MS is a clear advantage: it won't affect other aspects of the body's immune system. Only two patients taking part in the US trials dropped out; their condition deteriorated despite the drug. The most common side effect was temporary skin reactions at the injection site, but no one decided to leave the study because of that inconvenience.

The Weizmann scientist said that the polypeptide would be destroyed by the stomach and intestines if taken in pill form. Developing an oral version of COP-1 is very complicated and would take years to produce, but such efforts are under way.

The vice president for research and medical programs at the US Multiple Sclerosis Society, Dr. Stephen Reingold, said he was highly encouraged by the results of the COP-1 clinical trials.

"It could lead to the development of an additional treatment for relapsing-remitting MS."

Pills dissolve the stigma of 'mental illness'

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

MENTAL illness is out; brain diseases are in.

The long-used term "mental illness" is no longer relevant, now that computerized technology has "opened a window on the soul" and revealed the biochemical nature of brain disturbances, says Prof. Yosef Zohar, chief of psychiatry at Sheba Hospital.

The time has come to discard the stigma attached to psychiatric disorders, says Zohar, who co-chaired this month's congress in Jerusalem of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology. Although there may be an emotional or environmental basis for some disorders, they manifest themselves biochemically, he says.

The congress here drew 1,500 psychiatrists, physicians, chemists, computer experts and other researchers and paid tribute to a leader in the field of brain diseases, Prof. G.C. Sedvall of Sweden's famed Karolinska Institute.

The Swedish scientist was the first to use positron-emission tomography (PET) and radioactive materials to see how medications affect brain receptors in schizophrenics.

"Prof. Sedvall showed that one can not only identify the defective molecule responsible for psychiatric disorders, but even the exact location of the molecule in the brain and the effect of various medications," Zohar says.

The congress was a major event in the Decade of the Brain declared by the World Health Organization in 1990. The resultant attention paid by researchers to psychiatric disorders and improved diagnostic methods and treatment have made it possible to "cure 90 percent" of those willing to take medication and/or undergo psychological treatment or psychotherapy, says Zohar.

AT ANY given moment, 20 percent of the population suffers from some psychiatric disruption, which ranges from mild depression to serious disorders, such as obsessive-compulsive behavior or schizophrenia, Zohar says. One percent of the population suffers from schizophrenia, which is the most difficult-to-cure psychiatric disorder.

"Half of all patients suffering from serious depression are undiagnosed," says the Tel Hashomer psychiatrist. "And many of those who have been diagnosed refuse to take the necessary medication because of real or imagined side effects."

Computers have significantly aided the design of anti-psychotic drugs, says John Vandenberg, a marketing manager for the Dutch pharmaceutical firm Solvay Duphar. At the congress Vandenberg noted, "We can build molecules exactly to fit specific receptors in the brain." He noted that science is on the edge of this capability.

Vandenberg's company developed Favoxil (generically flutaxin), an antidepressant marketed here for several years by the Ag company. Recently, the US Food and Drug Administration approved its sale in the US. Vandenberg says Favoxil affects neurotransmitters "in a manner very similar to Eli Lilly's Prozac, the popular antidepressant. Favoxil has an advantage, says Vandenberg, since it leaves the body four or five days after use is halted, while Prozac remains in the body for over a month."

Agis has also contracted to market a new Upjohn Company psychiatric drug called Xanax-XI designed specifically for treating anxiety disorders, including panic syndrome. The slow-release drug is the only one in the world approved for treatment of this syndrome and the pathological anxiety that may accompany depression.

The fact that chemicals correct brain malfunctions that lead to psychiatric disorders shows they are "just like any other physical disorders, including diabetes or Parkinson's," says Zohar. "Just as one should not feel ashamed or guilty about having such chemical imbalance disease, one should not feel that way about having a psychiatric disorder. Unfortunately much ignorance remains about these brain illnesses."

Zohar adds: "Freud wrote that he hoped in the future that the biochemical nature of psychiatric disorders would be better understood." Not all psychiatrists agree with these premises, Zohar admits, "but this is definitely the trend in psychiatry."

"Depression, bi-polar disorder like manic depression, panic disorders and obsessive-compulsive illnesses most benefit from medications today; psychotherapy is more vital in treating patients with personality disorders such as narcissistic behavior or borderline personalities."

Zohar says that he continues to take careful case histories of his patients going back to childhood difficulties, because it helps with diagnosis. "It's the same as a cardiologist looking for the environmental causes of heart disease, such as improper diet and inactivity. Then I give the patient medications and follow his progress."

He says that family physicians are able to give psychiatric drugs and there is no reason to restrict the right to make out prescriptions only to psychiatrists.

"There are plenty of patients for all of us to handle. Trained general practitioners can handle the easier patients, while psychiatrists get the more difficult ones."

Zohar rejects the notion that criminals can blame "biochemical imbalance" for murder or other violent behavior. "Violence does not characterize people suffering from psychiatric or brain diseases."

Get the blood pressure up to help you get up

Rx FOR READERS

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I am a 30-year-old woman of average height and weight. I do exercise regularly, especially swimming and walking. Over the last few months, I have been suffering from dizziness or lightheadedness when moving from a lying position to a seated position. It passes after a few moments, but is very disconcerting. My doctor did a blood test and took my blood pressure, and all is normal. But I am worried. What is the problem? R.L.W., Jerusalem.

Dr. Yoni Yarom of the sports medicine department of the Wingate Institute for Physical Education in Netanya comments:

From your description, it seems the problem is most likely low

blood pressure; your doctor testing your blood pressure only once doesn't always produce an accurate result.

People with low blood pressure frequently feel dizziness when they change their position. Gravity tends to push the blood to the feet rather than to the head, which causes temporary lightheadedness; this is called orthostatic hypotension.

Another possibility is that you may be dehydrated or have a virus.

To know for certain, you can go to Hadassah-University Hospital for a tilt test, in which you lie on a platform that is tilted while blood pressure changes are monitored.

If low blood pressure is the problem, you should drink a lot of water, and also drink coffee regularly. Try changing your position slowly.

I am a 51-year-old man. I enjoy good health, except for suffering heartburn after heavy meals. My doctor prescribed antacids and these usually help. But a friend suggested I chew ice when I get heartburn. I tried it, and it worked. Is this really effective in relieving heartburn, or am I just

imagining it? P.R., Tel Aviv.

Prof. Nissim Levy, head of gastroenterology at Haifa's Bnai Zion Hospital in Haifa, replies:

I don't recommend chewing ice for heartburn. There are no medical studies that show it can have any appreciable effect. Neither water nor ice will have more than a momentary effect, if any.

I've seen advertisements for courses that claim nearsighted people can have better vision if they do eye exercises. It sounds a bit far-fetched. Is there any truth to it? B.R., Eilat.

Dr. Ya'acov Rosenman of the Shaare Zedek Hospital's ophthalmology department says:

Eye doctors believe that you

cannot improve eyesight on a permanent basis through exercise. It may work temporarily, however, when you stop the exercises, the situation remains as before.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page.

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New lenses keep middle-aged people in focus

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A Rehovot company has developed multifocal contact lenses that allow people between 45 and 50 to see objects at close, medium and far distances.

Holo-Or, a five-year-old firm located in the Weizmann industrial park, said the new product is the first of its kind in the world and could have a potential world market of 40 million middle-aged people.

In mid-life, the natural ability of the eye to focus is reduced, thus requiring many people to buy different pairs of glasses for reading and seeing objects at a distance.

Yisrael Grossinger, the company's founder and managing director, said new optical diffraction technology was used to produce the new type of lenses.

Conventional contact lenses allow the eye to focus within only a restricted range of sight - either near or far. Younger people's eyes are more flexible and can overcome this to focus at other distances, but those in their mid-to-late 40s usually cannot.

The only solution until now for this age group was bifocal eyeglasses. Grossinger said Holo-Or's contact lenses are a comfortable and reasonably priced alternative. The lenses are less helpful for people over 50.

Holo-Or, with 15 employees, is owned by the Gemi Foundation. Grossinger, the Landau family and the US company Coherent.

SOLDIERS IN AMBULANCES Magen David Adom workers are facing over the Health Ministry's recent decision to use soldiers to "replace" 160 of their colleagues the organization was forced to dismiss as part of a recovery program.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and the IDF Medical Corps agreed that hundreds of soldiers would be selected and trained to work as ambulance medics and switchboard coordinators at

MDA emergency stations. "This solves the problem of the serious shortage of accompanying medics in MDA ambulances," a ministry statement said.

Workers' spokesman Moshe Dayan said the staff is glad to be getting additional help. At certain hours, many ambulances are manned by only a single driver/medic, who is unable to treat accident victims or the sick while rushing them to the hospital.

However, Dayan said it was wrong for the ministry to order the dismissal of well-trained MDA staffers on the pretext of an efficiency program - thereby causing a severe shortage of workers - and then replacing them with "cheap labor" in the form of draftees.

Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said that while soldiers would be working for MDA, "their tasks are not connected to the recovery program, and in any case soldiers will not take over positions made redundant by the efficiency measures."

She added that MDA has long needed accompanying medics in ambulances to assist driver/medics who are busy at the wheel.

As for switchboard coordinators, the soldiers will not fill jobs in emergency centers that were closed by the recovery program, but help out MDA workers in existing centers, she said.

CALLING YOUNG HYPOCHONDRIACS

You don't have to be a heart patient to subscribe to a private emergency resuscitation service. The Shahal company is opening its ranks to healthy people aged 35 to 50 who have a low, but still existent, risk of a heart attack.

Studies show that 17 percent of all heart attacks occur under the age of 50. The company's Lev Batuah scheme, which also would

suit hypochondriacs, was designed after staffers consulted with healthy people under 50.

Subscribers get a 12-lead radio-beeper and a free cellular phone for an emergency button that can transmit electrocardi-

grams directly to Shahal's headquarters.

If the subscriber has a heart attack within five years, he gets NIS 15,000 from an insurance company. The charge is NIS 107 per month plus VAT over a five-year period. Shahal said knowing that help is nearby reduces anxiety and speeds a patient's call for help when heart-attack symptoms appear.

Department helps elderly get back on their feet

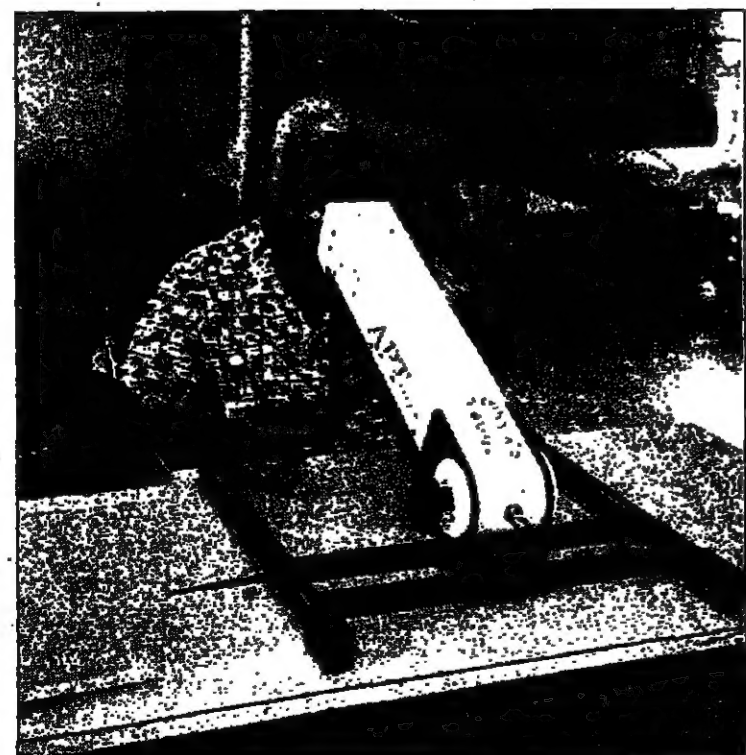
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THEY arrive in wheelchairs or on stretchers, and depart on their own feet or assisted by metal walkers. The new geriatric rehabilitation department at Jerusalem's Herzog Hospital aims to restore lost functioning to elderly victims of stroke, hip fractures and road accidents, and send them home better off than when they came.

The new 400-square-meter wing replaces a previous facility that was less than half the size and occupied hospital corridors as well as crowded rooms. A total of \$750,000 was donated by Lily and Nathan Silver of Jerusalem, Florence and Sidney Cooper of Toronto and the United Israel Appeal of Canada to build and equip the facility.

The aim is short-term rehabilitation taking up to two months, says Nava Harel, who heads the hospital's physiotherapy program. "The most important thing is to make it possible for them to resume their lives at home," adds Ronit Rath, the director of occupational therapy.

The only facility of its kind in the capital, the rehabilitation center has been set up with modern equipment, including tilting work-out tables (to put a paralyzed patient on his feet), and a fully outfitted model kitchen and bathroom so patients can practice all the things they'll have to do at home. "Even with all the work we do, the most basic skills are bathing and going to the bathroom. If they're unable to do these things, they won't be able to live at home by themselves," says Rath.



Yehezkel Cohen, 78, exercises at Jerusalem's Herzog Hospital following treatment by a physiotherapist.

The wing displays simple but necessary equipment for assisting patients in performing routine tasks: a long-necked shoehorn to put on shoes; a cone that simplifies putting stockings on; and a bathtub seat.

Herzog Hospital is increasingly becoming the address for acute geriatric care in Jerusalem. The urgent care center, financed by David and Rona Radler of Vancouver and The Jerusalem Post Forsake Me Not Fund, will open soon to provide round-the-clock emergency care for the elderly in the Jerusalem metropolitan area.

The hospital is developing a geriatric assessment center where old people can undergo complete medical, psychiatric and functional evaluation for just NIS 200. "Many families are confused about whether their aging loved one is able to remain at home or needs to be moved to an old-age

home or other geriatric facility," says Herzog medical director Prof. Ya'acov Menczel. "They can undergo such assessment by an interdisciplinary team within several hours in one place."

The hospital is also expanding its day hospital, where patients can undergo diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and then sleep in their own bed at home. This significantly reduces hospitalization costs, says Menczel.

Menczel says he and other geriatric hospital directors are concerned about the national health insurance system coming into effect in January. Geriatric care, until now the responsibility of the Health Ministry, is due to be transferred to the health funds. "but there is confusion about how this will be implemented. I was for the national health insurance law, but now the economic costs of care have been given too much prominence."

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The road to Casablanca

THE declared purpose of the two-day Casablanca conference that opens today is to consolidate peace in the region through cooperation and development. The underlying premise is that the rich don't kill: that a prosperous region is a peaceful region.

Whether the premise is correct in the context of the Middle East is open to question. It is not poverty that breeds nationalism and religious fanaticism in the region - certainly not poverty alone. Most of the Hamas leaders, for example, are professionals, intellectuals and scions of upper-middle-class families. The town of Bir Nabala, a Hamas stronghold to which the kidnapped Nahshon Wachsmann was taken, is populated by rich families that divide their time between the administered territories and the US.

But no one can dispute the need to improve living standards. It is not only that economic progress may blunt the extremists. The political and cultural impact of a thriving relationship with the industrial countries may be salutary and lasting. And the seduction of capitalist democracy may be strong enough to overcome traditions of tyranny and paternalism.

Not surprisingly, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the leading visionary of a "new Middle East," is also one of the chief architects of the conference. His tireless efforts on behalf of the event have turned it into an international extravaganza: More than 1,000 representatives from 50 countries are expected to attend. Israel, one of the world's smallest countries, is represented by 130 leading industrialists and businessmen and no fewer than nine cabinet ministers (including Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Peres).

Israel obviously attaches inordinate importance to the conference. In an interview in Morocco, Peres said that it should do no less than "change the history, the geography, the economy and the future of the region all at once."

That Israel can be openly hosted in Morocco, with which Israel has just established commercial and diplomatic relations, and that many of the Arab regimes have sent delegations to confer with Israel there is undoubtedly an impressive achievement. But the absence of Syria, Lebanon, Libya and Iraq does serve as a reminder that true regional stability is still an unfulfilled dream.

Moreover, Israel's disappointing experience with Egypt shows that peace agreements with Arab states do not necessarily bring the kind of development and symbiotic dependency peace-

makers hope for. The agreement with the PLO and the peace treaty with Jordan, and the developing relations with Arab countries from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf have created a more amiable atmosphere. But it is not at all certain that this can be translated into concrete economic benefits for either Israel or its neighbors.

The main hope for the region is that private investors will be induced to invest in it. But the threat of violence by Islamic militants, by no means limited to Hamas activities against Israel, hangs over the region like a dark cloud. Nor has the region proved attractive, purely on business grounds. Investors seem to prefer the fast-growing, capitalist-oriented Far East to the bureaucracy-bound Middle East.

Peres believes that a major goal of the conference should be the establishment of a regional development bank, which will make it easier for the governments of the region to collaborate in mutual projects. This, together with foreign subsidies for the building of infrastructure and special projects, and Western guarantees, which will minimize the risks of private investors, should, he believes, trigger an economic boom.

But even relatively modest ideas are still meeting resistance. Rabin complained last week that the government cannot even find for an Israeli-Jordanian dam project on the Jordan river, which requires the sum total of \$150 million.

Nor is the seemingly unexceptionable idea of a regional bank being greeted with enthusiasm. The US, which first threatened to veto the idea, has now imposed various conditions and has yet to make a specific commitment. The Finance Ministry, has also made it clear that it is unhappy with the proposal. It is worried that Israel's share would have to be disproportionately large, and that the American contribution may be deducted from the aid package to Israel.

What the region needs now is not a grandiose regional bank with a proposed 100-member international board of directors. Such an institution will only become another ostentatious bureaucracy. Nor should time and energy be spent on toying with multibillion-dollar projects which involve the close cooperation of reluctant regimes.

What is needed is the halting of the arms race and the diversion of resources to civilian projects. Israel's Arab neighbors, though repeatedly reassuring the world community that they want peace, have spent almost \$70 billion on arms since the Gulf War ended in 1991. Many dams could have been built with that money.

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Arabic has a word for it

GABRIEL BEN-DOR

A whole culture has grown up around the Hebrew word *mehdal*, which is used to describe the failures, errors and sheer bad luck that characterized the opening stages of the Yom Kippur War.

Mehdal is usually translated as "blunder," but this is a poor rendition. It fails to capture the spirit of the term, which really refers to a situation in which something reasonable should have been done, but wasn't. *Mehdal* is a sin of omission more than commission.

The next national sin of omission may well be the failure to educate Israelis in the language and culture of the huge Arab society surrounding us. This task should be an important item on the national security agenda.

During the ceremony opening the first border crossing point between Israel and Jordan, Crown Prince Hassan quoted a passage from Isaiah in Hebrew, the result of his many years spent studying our language. But despite all the high-blown rhetoric about a new regional order and open borders, our prime minister and foreign minister have not made any study of Arabic.

Hamas activists are revealing an increasingly deep understanding of Israeli society. They find it easy to pose as Israelis by speaking sabra-accented Hebrew, donning a kippa, using Israeli license plates, and putting right-wing stickers on their cars.

How many Israelis can demonstrate a corresponding mastery of the mores of Arab society?

Before 1967, it was widely assumed that Israel's superior knowledge about the Arabs accounted for its impressive series of intelligence coups.

But it is now clear that this superior knowledge had more to do with the existence of an entire generation of Israelis who had grown up in Arab countries than it did with any deliberate

Crown Prince Hassan quoted from Isaiah in Hebrew. But Israeli soldiers in the territories often can't even read street signs

ate effort at education. The great spy Eli Cohen learned what he knew about the Arabs in his native Egypt, not in an Israeli school.

Now we are a generation or two removed from those who immigrated directly from Arab countries, and it has become clear that their descendants have neither the motivation nor the knowledge to supply the base for the kind of manpower Israeli intelligence needs. We must, therefore, begin training the kind of people who were readily available a generation or so ago.

Whether we and our Arab neighbors enjoy a warm peace with open borders or continue in an uneasy co-existence, we shall need greater knowledge about the Arabs, for the

purposes of commerce, negotiations and security.

That we can converse with them in English is far from enough: What the Arabs say in English on formal occasions is much less important than what they say to one another, what they write in their press, and what the man in the street says about politics.

Soldiers in the territories, often unable to read the signs on the streets they are patrolling, become prisoners of a single interpreter - if they can find one.

Hamas's recent successes - and there is no way to deny that Hamas has won the last few rounds, by a wide margin - should sound a ringing alarm.

The vast majority of Israelis does not speak the language of Hamas. We understand neither its values, its objectives or its methods. Thus, we are unable to anticipate its future moves. It is unlikely that we can remedy this situation quickly or painlessly. But a major improvement could be made by an emergency program to teach Arabic language and the culture and politics of modern Arab societies in our schools and universities, in the army and in other public institutions.

Of course, this won't eliminate Hamas terrorism. But it will go a long way toward setting up the human infrastructure needed to do so. Failure to institute an educational effort of this kind in the immediate future will inevitably lead to the kind of sins of omission that are painfully studied by commissions of inquiry.

As the People of the Book, it behooves us not to lose the race for knowledge.

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Pied piper

GREER FAY CASHMAN

IT is a pity that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau was unable to speak for the entire Orthodox establishment when he eulogized Shlomo Carlebach last week.

Unlike so many other spiritual leaders who had ostracized Carlebach, Lau maintained a close relationship with the controversial "Singing Rabbi." Yet, in a voice choked with tears, he pleaded for forgiveness for not having accorded Carlebach the recognition and honor due him for his remarkable achievements in attracting assimilated Jews back to the fold.

With boundless energy and joy, Carlebach brought Jewish tradition to both peripheral Jews in Western countries and oppressed and repressed Jews in Communist countries, long before Torah outreach programs became popular.

But because he cultivated hippies, did not enforce separation between men and women, and physically embraced them in contradiction to Orthodox taboos on physical contact, he

Shlomo Carlebach was a better Jew than many of those who ostracized him

was virtually excommunicated by large segments of the haredi community. They were equally critical of the fact that he sometimes appeared in Reform temples.

And yet Carlebach was a better Jew than many of those who turned their backs on him.

He knew that if he wanted to get Reform Jews to come to his concerts - and, through his music, back to traditional observance - he had to meet them on their territory first.

It hurt him that haredim were so intolerant in their attitudes that they were unable to appreciate what he was doing. While so many of them paid lip service to fighting assimilation, Carlebach, in his own unique way, went out on active duty in the service of his Maker.

Carlebach's critics frequently adopted a fire-and-brimstone approach to those who strayed from the fold. Carlebach's weapons were love, tolerance, and understanding - and his unique brand of music. To him, every Jew was holy.

An eternal scholar who was seldom without one book or another on Jewish law and lore, he would include the parables of hassidic sages in his stage patter. He was always impressed anew with the depth of the message in the story, and, pausing momentarily to digest it, would comment in a tone of quiet awe and reverence: "Mamish a gevvalt."

While his detractors were often negative, turning the barely observant away from Judaism, Carlebach's positive approach captivated multitudes of uncommitted Jews.

ONE DIDN'T have to be either religious or secular to be a Carlebach groupie. One didn't have to be young or old, a member of his House of Love and Prayer, or a representative of one of the families living in Moshav Me'or Modi'in, where Carlebach spent so much of his time in Israel.

Carlebach was a hassidic Pied Piper. He didn't have a particularly good voice, or much ability as a guitar player.

But he craved so much love for his Creator and for his fellow beings that his melodies - sometimes haunting, sometimes lively, but always contagious - became integral to contemporary Jewish tradition, much to the annoyance of many *minstrelings*, who continued to pour scorn on him.

Carlebach accepted people as they were. Unlike those who throw stones at passing cars on Shabbat or heap insults on women they consider immodestly dressed, he didn't pass judgment. He would focus on the positive in people, preferring to play down the negative. To many, he was a central figure in their lives.

Carlebach had several opportunities to become a pulpit rabbi, but he rejected them because he didn't like the idea of "looking down" on his congregation. It was different on stage, where he would invite people to come up and join him.

People assumed that because Carlebach was a megastar, he had the wealth which went with fame. But he often gave money away, or performed gratis for a variety of causes. A long way from being affluent, Carlebach gave not only of his limited financial resources, but of himself. Suffering from heart trouble in recent years, he did not allow illness to slow his pace.

Carlebach was a man of the people. To him, privacy was a luxury. He was instantly mobbed anywhere and everywhere in the Jewish world, which meant he was often late for appointments.

Characteristically, he was also late for his own funeral, at which the few haredim who came to accompany him on his final journey insisted on religious stringencies Carlebach himself would never have demanded.

Some years ago, I asked him if he ever had a moment for himself. He replied with the smile which endeared him to so many, "Yes, when I get under my talit."

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DE GAULLE'S EXAMPLE

Sir, - Government Press Office Director Uri Dromi's defense of Prime Minister Rabin's record on the Golan ("The truth, loud and clear," October 19), is an exercise in the very same kind of obfuscation that has become the hallmark of Rabin's politics.

Mr. Dromi begins by denying any inconsistency in Rabin's policies, but then goes on to defend the very inconsistencies he denies. For Dromi, Charles de Gaulle's turnaround on Algeria is a source of justification for Rabin's keeping the public in the dark about his true intentions.

But De Gaulle's switch from "French Algeria" to "Algerian Algeria" was implemented only after a national referendum in which a "frank and massive" majority would vote in favor of Algerian self-determination. De Gaulle insisted that a "feeble, mediocre or uncertain" majority could prevent him from pursuing his task. It was clear to the French electorate that an inconclusive vote, whether technically a majority or not, would lead to De Gaulle's resignation.

Indeed, in the two referenda held on the issue, an overwhelming majority (in the first, 75 percent, and in the second, 91 percent) gave De Gaulle the mandate he needed. Only then did he proceed.

Mr. Dromi is right. Mr. Rabin can learn something from Charles de Gaulle.

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Jerusalem.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sir, - Congratulations for publishing Louis Fisch's letter of September 28, "Jews, wake up!" calling for a United Torah bloc. It conveys to Jews in Israel the danger to its inhabitants and to the Holy Land of Israel.

This is the first time in the 17 years that I have been reading the paper that a message of this nature has appeared in its columns.

PEDIAH ROEKMAN

Hofit.

WE APOLOGIZE

Sir, - After hearing about the terrorist attack in Tel Aviv and realizing another 22 Jews had lost their lives needlessly, I felt someone from the US should go on record as saying on behalf of Christians nationwide, we apologize for the pressure that has been put on your nation by those in our past and present government. We do not share their views or policies.

Many voices are rising up, and the elections are soon to come. Prayer is going forth like never before for a "true" peace in Jerusalem - a peace which will not require an exchange of land. Also, we are praying for leaders of our nation to be elected, who will lead America, the nation God has blessed, with dignity, honesty, and for the heritage of our forefathers.

Forgive us as a nation for electing and empowering men and women who defy the Bible and all of its warnings concerning the nation of Israel and its God-given boundaries.

Do not feel you have to yield to the political bureaucrats' pressure. Remember, the God of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. Call on Him! He will not fail you.

Our deepest and sincerest regrets for the needless loss of lives due to terrorism.

FAYE HARDIN,
President, "Insight"

Orlando, Florida.

BIBLICAL PROMISE

Sir, - How can President Clinton believe that defying the Bible can secure real peace? Genesis 17/8 says God gave Israel "all the land of Canaan" unconditionally and forever. Leviticus 25/23 forbids Israel ever to sell it.

GRANT B. LIVINGSTONE

Ariel.

BLEEDING HEARTS

Sir, - Surely, the op-ed piece by Jon Simons ("Generous Hearts," October 21) must have been intended as a parody and not as a serious evaluation of our security problems. Else, how explain his absurd thesis that love will conquer all, and that only increased generosity to the terrorists is the way to peaceful coexistence, in the light of the history of Jewish-Arab relations here. This is the path that the Meretz-Labor government has been following for two years now, and with what results? Over 90 Israelis murdered in Arab terror and no end in sight.

Before the Allies of World War II could reconstruct the murderous regimes of Germany and Japan into democratic societies by means of generous postwar policies, they first had to defeat them decisively by military means. This lesson seems to have been lost on our present government and on the guilt-ridden bleeding hearts that support it.

Dr. MORRIS GOLDMAN

Tel Aviv.

OBJECTIONABLE CARTOON

Sir, - For the past 27 years, I have been receiving *The Jerusalem Post* at my home. The past few years have brought a drastic change in your editorial policy. However, I still continued to subscribe.

The cartoon in your issue of October 20 was the last straw - to depict a "smiling" prime minister saying "Not to worry! I have two peace agreements in my hand!" as a reaction to the Tel Aviv bombing is nothing short of scandalous and disgusting. When the whole country is united in its condemnation of this unspeakable act of terrorism, when the whole country is united in its feelings of pain, sorrow and grief, *The Jerusalem Post* via Oleg publishing a cartoon that portrays the prime minister as someone who just does not care is plain disgusting.

Please see this letter as an immediate cancellation of my subscription to your paper.

Ra'anana. TERRY KESSEL

POSTSCRIPT

IN THIS AGE of computers, lasers and orbiting satellites, scientists are learning a lot from rubber ducks.

Some 29,000 rubber ducks, turtles and other bathtub toys spilled overboard in 1992 in the North Pacific when a freighter carrying the cargo on its deck was hit by a storm.

So far, 400 of the bobbing toys have been found along 800 kms of Alaskan shoreline, and that is helping researchers trace wind and ocean currents.

"This is serious science," said oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer. "We're learning a great deal."

Researchers also analyzed an earlier example of inadvertent oceanographic science when 61,000 Nike shoes fell off a ship in

1990 and floated toward the US West Coast.

Data from the two spills, Ebbesmeyer said, give useful information to oceanographers in predicting where other floating debris will go after spills.

A DISABLED man was stranded for four days after his van's battery went dead, knocking out power to the electric doors and windows. He didn't have his medication with him and all he had to keep himself alive in the sweltering vehicle was a can of soda.

"I prayed a lot," Setliff said, tears filling his eyes. "I thought I was going to die in there."

On two occasions, Setliff said, motorists stopped outside his van but did not help him.

OSAKA'S NEW international airport has a terminal building 1.7 kilometers long, making it the longest building in the world. More impressive, however, is that the building, erected on an artificial island 5 km. long and 1.2 km. wide, is the only man-made structure, apart from the Great Wall of China, visible from space. Ori Lewis

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



You can always tell when it's wedding season in Hanot: poor fellows like this have to lug mattresses all over town. This cycle driver's load is at least 17 queen-sized mattresses, which is the traditional gift from a groom's family. (A7)

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Andy Rooney

Take Our Language to the Laundry

This will be about words I can't use in a newspaper. And would not if I could.

I'm increasingly aware, walking around in public, of the cacophony of obscenities bombarding my ears. They are interspersed with profanity and vulgarity. You can be walking down the street with your spouse or your mother or your children and three people behind you will be using the F word in every other sentence.

I know all the words and nothing shocks me but I find them, and the people using them, offensive. It's as if they were using the bathroom and the bedroom without closing the door. I don't want to watch.

The strange thing about the common use of obscene language is that while the movies are filled with it, there is none in our newspapers. People who don't give a second thought to going to a movie liberally sprinkled with the F word, wouldn't buy a newspaper if it used the same language. Why is that?

It helps that its dark in movie theaters and I've often wondered if they'd show the same scenes if the lights were on and we could all see each other.

Movie producers say their work is merely a reflection of society but I think they've been leaders and not mirrors. It's evident that promiscuity is rampant among young people. Sleeping around has become a recreational activity and the casual attitude toward sex in movies has had more effect on young people than young people have had on the movies.

I'm pleased that the breakdown in language civility has not extended to newspapers but I'm not sure why it hasn't. There are frequent occasions when obscene or vulgar words are important to

a story — as in this column, for example.

When I was drafted into the Army, I was a naive, young man. My friends in high school and college hadn't used many obscenities. On the second day at Fort Bragg, I knew I was in a different world when the first sergeant told someone to "Get your f-ing a.. the f up to the f-ing orderly room on the f-ing double." The sergeant had a very limited vocabulary but you understood what he meant.

The civilian population at the time was more reluctant to accept Army language than it would be today but some of it was so expressive and useful that they adapted it. The word SNAFU, for example, was described politely as meaning, "Situation normal, all fouled up."

One of the things every kid does is look in the dictionary to see if the dirty words he's heard on the street are there. They didn't used to be in my dictionary but they are now and there's no way a responsible lexicographer could leave them out. The people writing the dictionaries aren't responsible for how we use the language.

It seems to me that the people who use crude language that most are the people who are least capable of using the language well. The strength they think obscenities give a sentence substitutes for a well thought-out statement that says what the person has in mind.

The use of obscenities by women is particularly offensive. I recognize this is an old-fashioned idea but I have it anyway. I suppose it will make women mad for me to say so, but I always think that when a woman uses foul language, she's just trying to be one of the boys.

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Funny Has to Be a Surprise

I save things. Last week, we had a carpenter doing some work around the house and, when he finished, he left two boxes of short ends from a lot of 2-by-4s he'd cut, to be thrown away.

While I don't foresee any time in the near future when I'm going to need 27 pieces of 2-by-4s eight inches long, I rescued them from the trash, to keep.

Three years ago, a woman named Sue Ryan called me. She was editor of some journalism publication and asked if I'd write an article on humor in newspapers.

I wrote it and faxed it to her. Sue! Hello, Sue? Are you there Sue? I never heard a word.

Anyway, like those ends of 2-by-4s, I kept my notes from the article and every once in a while I pick through them to see if there's anything I can use. They are in my computer under the heading HUMOR.

That may have been my mistake right there. Writing about humor or labeling anything "humor" is a mistake. Humor should come unannounced as a surprise.

There are few subjects that resist analysis the way humor does. Like beauty, there's no standard of measurement for it. We know it when we see it but we can't put our finger on what creates it.

There isn't much that's funny in a newspaper and that's the way it ought to be. You can't expect a columnist to be funny Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and almost every time anyone sets out to write something funny, the effort falls flat. At its best, humor is a byproduct. It comes up in the course of some-

thing serious and provides relief. There's usually a good reporter with a light touch on a newspaper staff who can provide all the humor needed.

Some opinion pages run features under the heading HUMOR and I feel sorry for the writer.

"Go ahead," the reader says. "Make me laugh."

Labeling something HUMOR is the equivalent of labeling an editorial deploring the infrequency of garbage pickups, as SERIOUS.

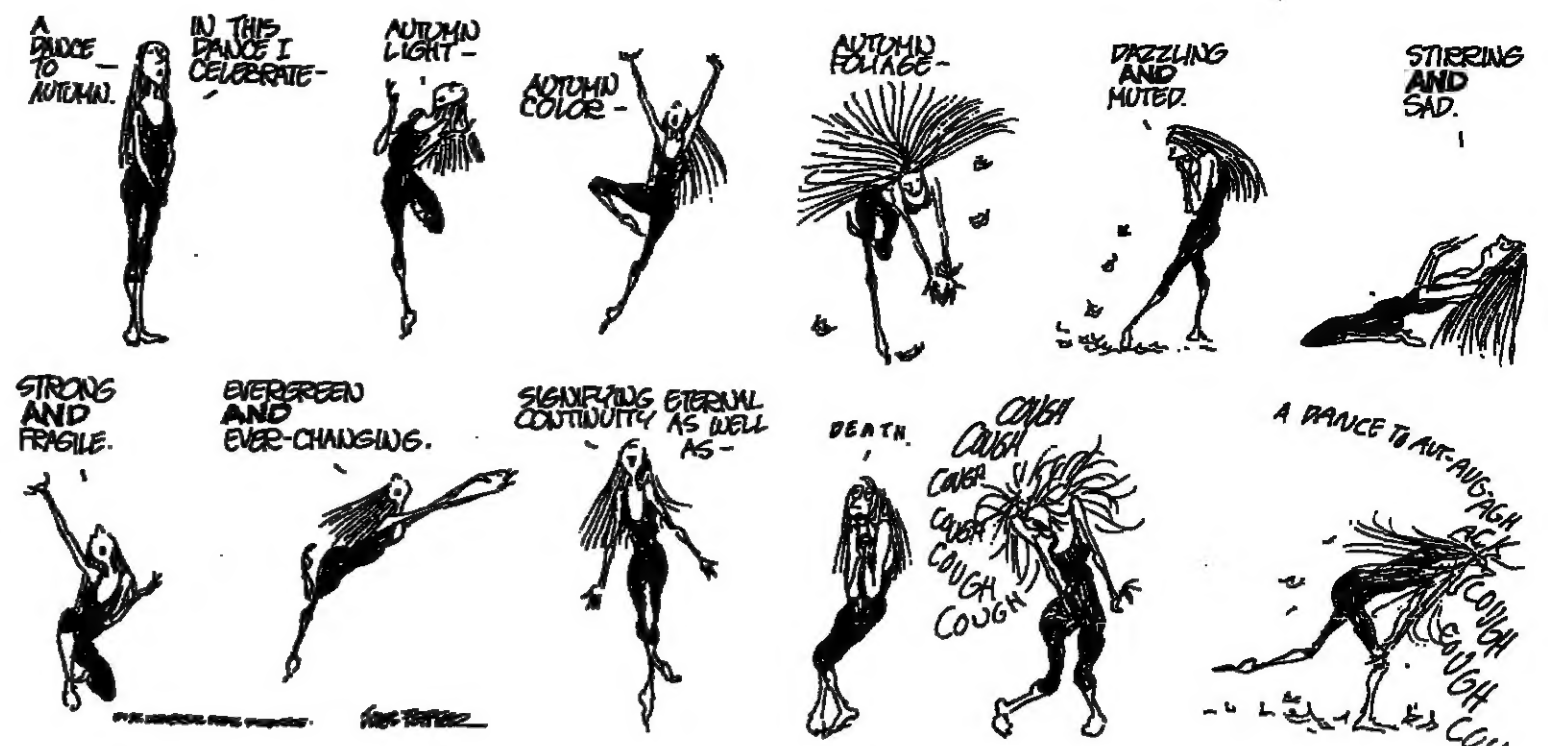
Even the best humor has a short shelf life. Funny paragraphs start decomposing as soon as they're written. Over the years, I've clipped out things that made me laugh and when I looked at them months later, they reminded me of pretty stones that I'd picked out of the wet sand when they were glistening and colorful on trips to the beach with the kids. A week later, the stones sat there in a pile in my garage, bone-dry and lifeless. I wondered whatever attracted us to them.

If you've read anything written by the classic old American humor writers, you know humor doesn't keep. Kin Hubbard, Josh Billings, Artemus Ward, Finley Peter Dunne, George Ade, Stephen Leacock, Alexander Woolcott, all may have convulsed readers of another generation but reading them now, it's hard to understand why. I'll make an exception in the case of Mark Twain.

I'm glad I saved those notes, even though Sue didn't want any part of them. I knew I'd find a use for them. Now what to do with those short pieces of 2-by-4s and the stones in the garage?

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Mike Royko

Natural Reaction is the Wrong Turn

How do you react when someone cuts you off in traffic or commits some other act of motoring rudeness? Give him a blast from your horn? Maybe roll down the window and thrust a finger toward the sky? Pull up next to him and glare or even shout an obscenity?

Ah, those were the good old days, when civilized people could have an occasional uncivilized outburst without having it escalate into hand-to-hand combat or worse.

Now most of us know better. A beep of the horn, giving the bird, or even a shout can be the modern equivalent of the glove-in-the-face challenge to a duel to the death.

Alfred Woodbury, 45, knows better. An ex-cop and now a state child abuse investigator, he is street-smart.

But as the flower children like to say, stuff happens.

And Woodbury's blood pressure went up when he was driving on Chicago's Roosevelt Road and, he says, a big tractor-trailer truck swerved and almost forced him off the street.

"I wrote down his license number and the name of the barrel company he works for and I thought I'd contact his employer."

"But it made me so mad that I pulled up next to him, rolled down my window and told him a few things. I really can't repeat them."

"He yelled back and told me to pull over. It was stupid. I know. I know. I know. It was real stupidity."

"But I pulled over. I guess I thought, I'm a former police officer, been with the Department of Children and Family Services for seven years, I'm wearing a

suit, I can handle myself — what could happen to me?

"So I got out of my car and I stood there. He jumped out of his truck and he's got this big tire iron."

"That's when I knew what could happen to me. I could get killed."

"He comes running up and starts swinging the tire iron. I put up my arms to protect myself and he gave me about four whacks on the arms with that thing."

"At first I was so stunned I just stood there. Then I took off running."

"There were some guys on the street, and they came running over, so he jumped back into his truck and revved it up. He bumped into two cars and then he just kept going."

"I got in my car to follow him, then I changed my mind and went over to the outfit he worked for, which wasn't far away. But nobody in charge was there. So I decided to go back to the crime scene."

"And there he was talking to some policemen. I guess he figured he should go back or he'd be in trouble for hit and run."

"I was glad to see the cops there, so I went over and introduced myself and showed them my ID card."

"They said we could sign cross complaints against each other. That was fine with me. But when we got to the station, you know what they did? They arrested me for aggravated assault. I asked them why. He was the one who assaulted me with a tire iron."

"The said he told them I had a knife and threatened him. That was crazy. I don't carry a knife. When I was a cop, I didn't even carry a weapon when I was

off-duty because I knew it could get you in trouble."

"I told them that if I was going to be charged, I wanted to sign a complaint against him. At first they said I couldn't. The sergeant said he couldn't take the complaint and the watch commander wasn't around."

"I know the rules and I finally got to sign a complaint against him for aggravated battery."

"But there was something suspicious going on. That stuff about me having a knife. It they came up with a knife when we go to court, then that'll tell me there might have been some funny business between the driver and the police before I got back there."

"I shouldn't have been arrested. He attacked me with that tire iron. I didn't attack him. When I got out of my car, I thought we'd just jaw at each other."

"Of course, if you hadn't stopped and got out of your car in the first place..."

"That's right. My wife keeps telling me how stupid I was, that I could have been killed. You should hear her."

"And if you hadn't yelled at the truck driver in the first place..."

"Yeah. My wife keeps telling me how stupid that was, too."

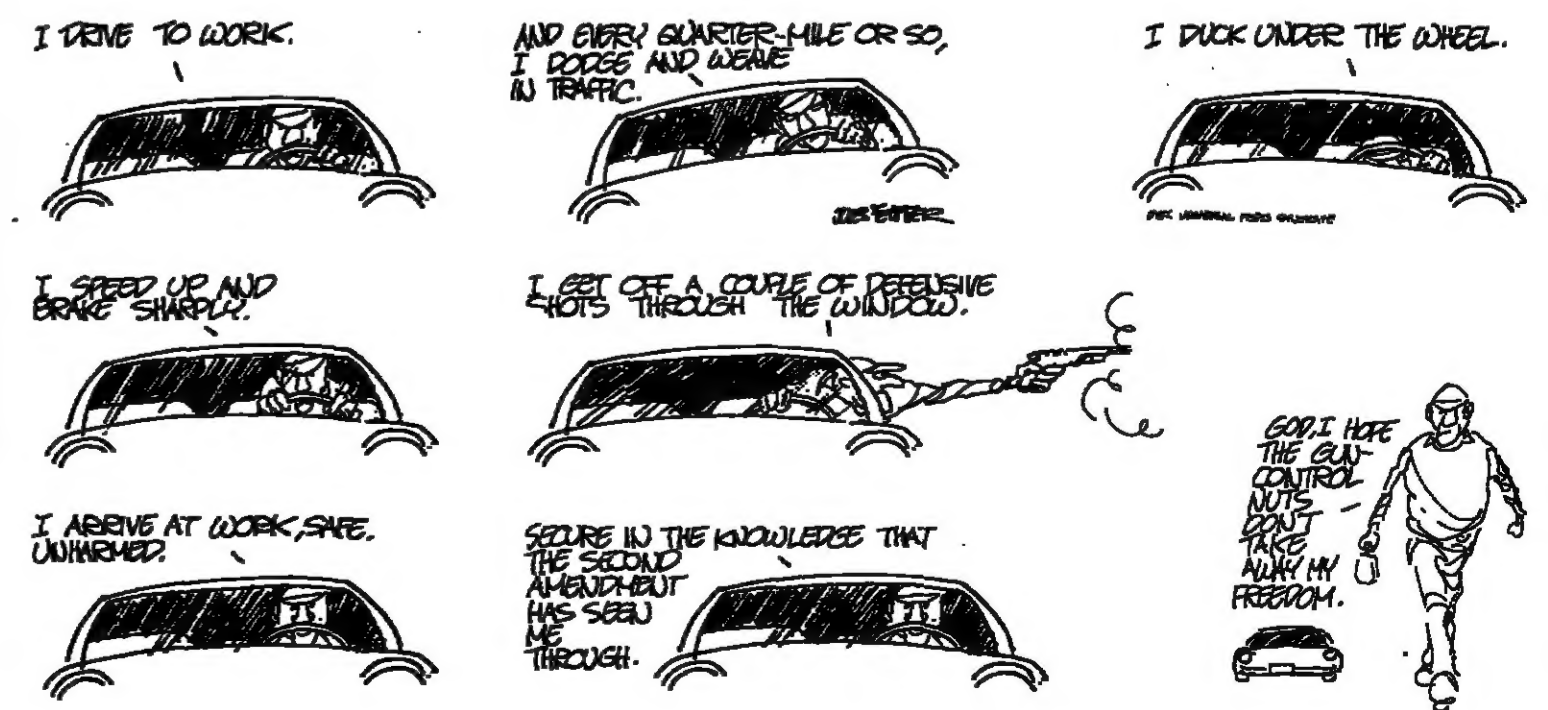
"So now you have to go to court, and who knows what can happen when you get entangled in the legal system?"

"I was a policeman, so I know. My wife thinks this whole mess is stupid."

"Then listen to your wife. And never yell at another motorist. Unless it's a little old lady. They don't carry tire irons."

"Of course, they might have long hatpins, so forget it."

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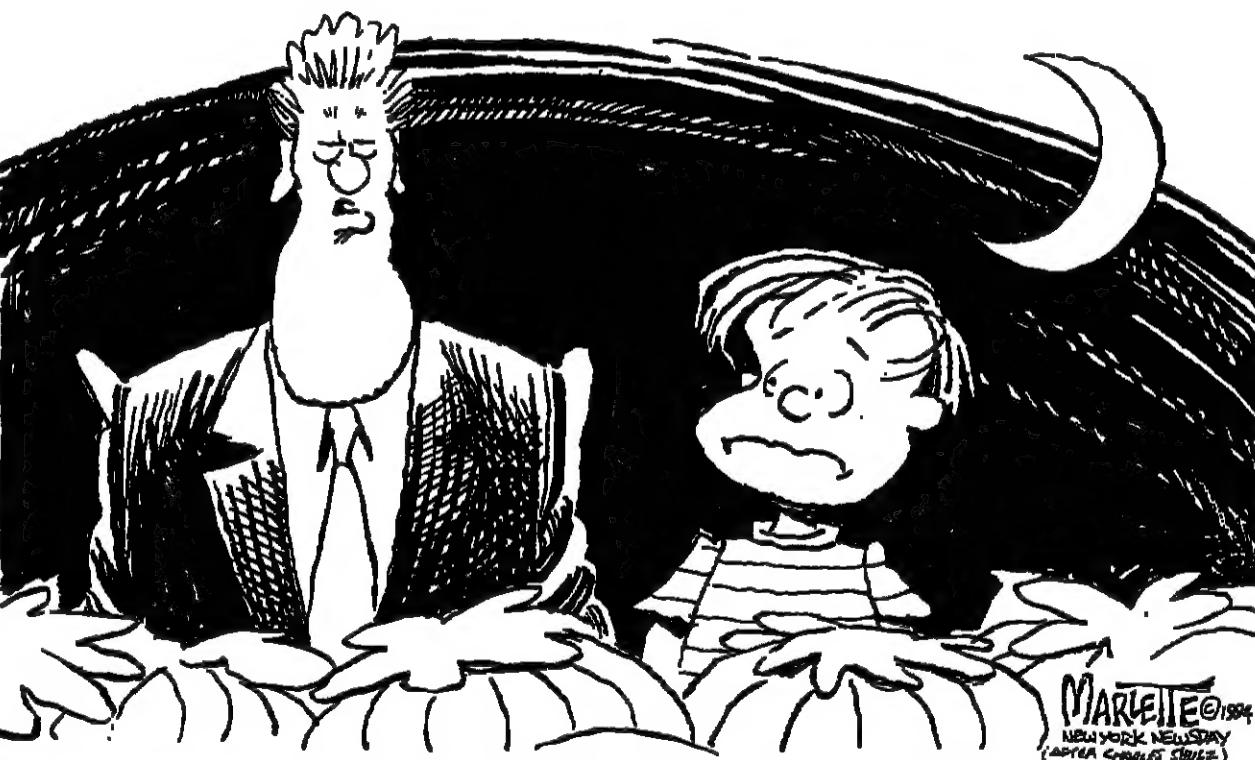
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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



FOR WHATEVER REASON, OLLIE NORTH, AS A YOUNG MARINE, CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST. PERHAPS THAT IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...



"GREAT PUMPKIN?... NO, I'M WAITING FOR A BUMP IN THE POLLS!"



Kathryn C. Eastburn

Adventures in Media

Dan Perkins (aka. Tom Tomorrow) wants people to understand how the system works. In a recent telephone interview, he explained it to me like this:

"The way it goes is someone from the republican committee sends out the fax of the day, creating ten people going out repeating the same sentence. They are trying to send out a very simple message. It's basic propaganda technique. This is just the line of the day, and they're just saying [it] to further their chances of getting elected."

Perkins' slightly skewed view of electoral politics and formidable critical sense, combined with his unique graphic style, have made him one of the most respected political cartoonists of his day. In 1993, *The Nation* identified him as one of the rising stars of cartoon journalism.

Not one to fall into the trap of either liberal or conservative dogma and/or dogfighting, Perkins looks at the bigger picture — the political system, the economic underpinnings of the society and the role of the media in current events.

A cartoonist from an early age, Perkins developed *This Modern World* about eight years ago.

"I became fascinated with those obscenely cheerful images in old *Life* magazines and kind of took off on them," said Perkins. "There was a sense of the future about to explode and I was satirizing consumerism and techno-worship by using these old images from the past."

After dabbling a bit in politics, around the time of the Gulf War he experienced what he describes as "a sort of epiphany." Driven by the notion that "people need to understand that the reality represented by newspapers and television is not reality," he plunged into politics during the 1992 presidential election campaign.

His new book, *Tune In Tomorrow*, includes a selection of strips from that memorable campaign, giving equal representation to candidates George Bush, Bill Clinton, Ross Perot, Al Gore and, of course, Dan Quayle.

Rush Limbaugh and the religious right have captured his attention in recent months. "I actually listen to Rush Limbaugh quite a lot," said Perkins. "When the dittoheads call up and say 'Tom Tomorrow said this and that about you', Rush says 'I am very smart. I think for myself.' Then the dittoheads say 'I am very smart. I think for myself.' That's the way it works."

"The problem is that when you put something out in public, it frequently gets misinterpreted," said Perkins, referring to his depiction of the religious right. "If you criticize their political beliefs, you are anti-religious."

His impatience with dogmatic thinking is apparent. "These are our version of the mullahs in Iran, those who want to control what you think," he said. "Fanatics are always dangerous. Unfortunately religion lends itself to a sort of blind stupidity."

Sparky the penguin, *This Modern World's* resident cynic, serves as a vehicle for Perkins to actually say what he thinks. "Since I use those happy talk, clip art type '50s guys, if I actually had one of them saying what I thought, there would be so much dissonance," he explained.

Perkins' cartoons are completely hand rendered, combining techniques of xerography, montage and hand drawing. He produces one strip a week which he distributes to about 80 newspapers around the nation.

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He's Our S.O.B.

by Allan Naim

On the afternoon of October 3, the day before his U.S.-backed press conference, Emmanuel Constant, the terrorist leader of FRAPH, met secretly with John Kambourian, the C.I.A.'s Haiti station chief. This disclosure undercuts the claim of C.I.A. officials, made later that week, that they had severed ties with Constant in mid-1994.

Earlier this month in *The Nation* I reported that Constant was on the payroll of the C.I.A., and that the D.I.A. had helped him launch what became the FRAPH terror group. That disclosure touched off a small uproar on Capitol Hill, and CBS, CNN, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* all confirmed, from intelligence sources, that Constant had been paid by the C.I.A. These sources, however, claimed that the relationship was over. An agency statement denied "any connections with the FRAPH" and said that they "had nothing to do with Constant's...recent press conference."

But according to sources familiar with the October 3 meeting, Constant — who has helped murder countless Haitians while on the payroll of the Bush and Clinton administrations — was sitting down with the C.I.A. just three days before that denial. Since then, FRAPH killings have continued, and Constant has received U.S. protection. Reached at the C.I.A. station in Port-au-Prince, Kambourian at first refused to comment. But when asked if he was denying that he had met then with Constant, Kambourian said, "I'm not denying it and I'm not confirming it." Asked if the C.I.A. still worked with Constant, Kambourian made no denials but said that any comment would have to come from the Embassy press office.

When I spoke with Constant shortly before he left to meet Kambourian, he reaffirmed his desire to continue working for Washington. In our earlier interviews he had said that his father, Gen. Gerard Constant (Papa Doc Duvalier's army Chief of Staff), had served as an informal adviser to former U.S. Ambassador Alvin Adams. He also told in detail of having attended

(on invitation) the Clinton inauguration balls, and of having organized the recent "Welcome U.S." demonstration that greeted the arriving occupation troops.

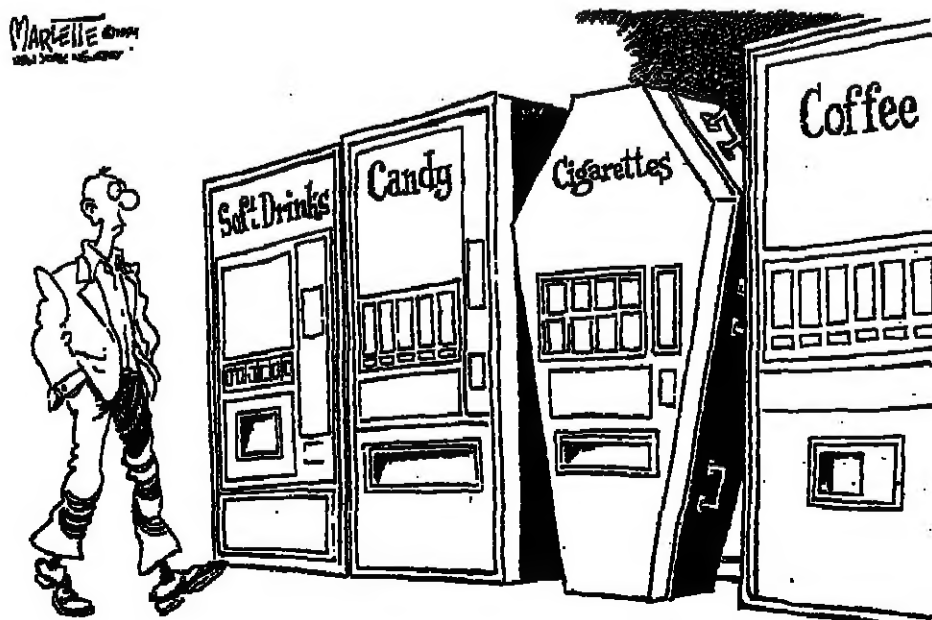
Yet U.S. officials are now trying to say their relationship with Constant was just arm's length, or, alternatively, that even if it wasn't, Presidents Bush and Clinton can't be blamed. In fact, it was the United States that urged Constant to launch his front (according to both Constant and U.S. officials who worked with him) and kept on paying him, month after month, as he kept on killing. Constant was not a mere informant on FRAPH (as some U.S. officials claim); he is the leader of FRAPH and directly responsible for its crimes. Indeed, his first known task for the C.I.A. was to encourage other killers by indoctrinating army intelligence officers into the purported evils of the Haitian grass-roots church.

Six weeks ago Col. Patrick Collins, Constant's old D.I.A. handler, praised Constant for having balanced the "extreme" of Aristide. This has been U.S. policy all along, from Bush right on up through Clinton. It was Clinton who sent Collins back to Haiti for the occupation. And it is Clinton's National Security Adviser, Anthony Lake, who is telling members of Congress that the United States (via A.I.D. and the C.I.A.) will create a new Parliament to counterbalance Aristide.

Clinton has now chosen to renege on previous deals with Aristide and is making a series of demands to preserve intact the Haitian terror state. Among them: rescinding Aristide's authority to "vet out" the worst troops (choices instead to be made by a panel of U.S.-chosen Haitian colonels); retaining Cedras and Blamby's army general staff; and keeping as army chief Gen. Jean-Claude Duvalier, a friend of U.S. intelligence who joined the old boss of the Tonton Macoutes in an abortive 1991 coup attempt to keep Aristide from taking office.

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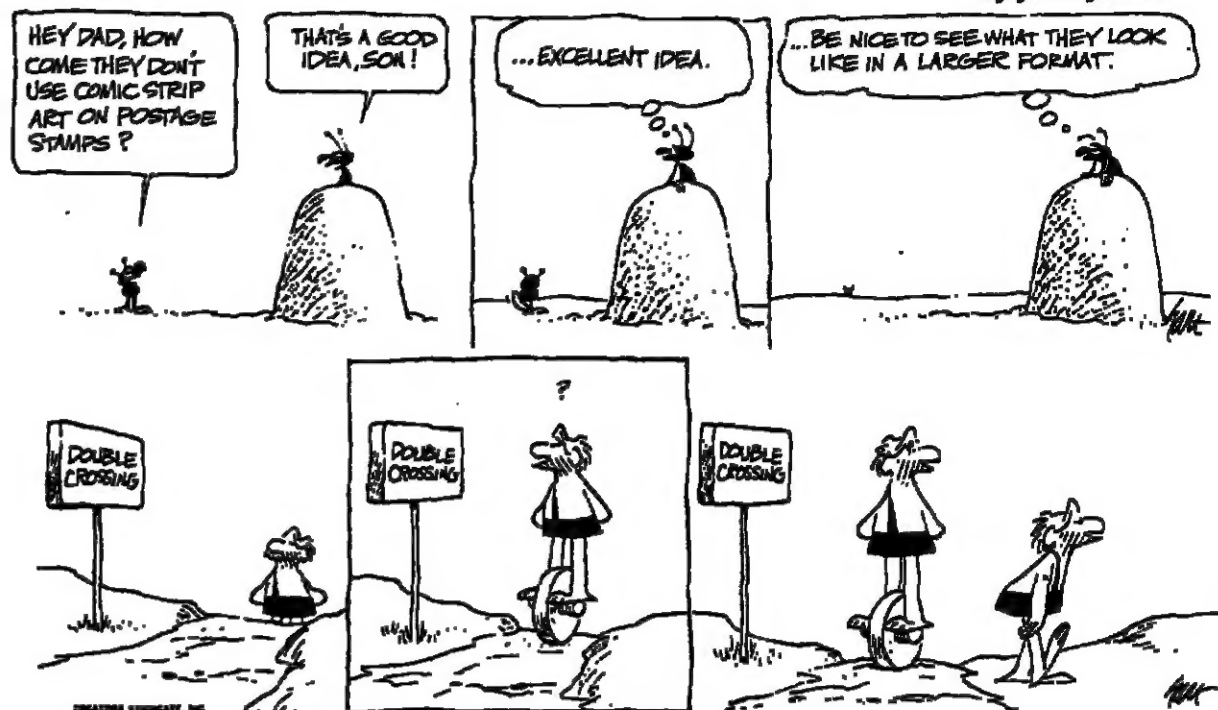
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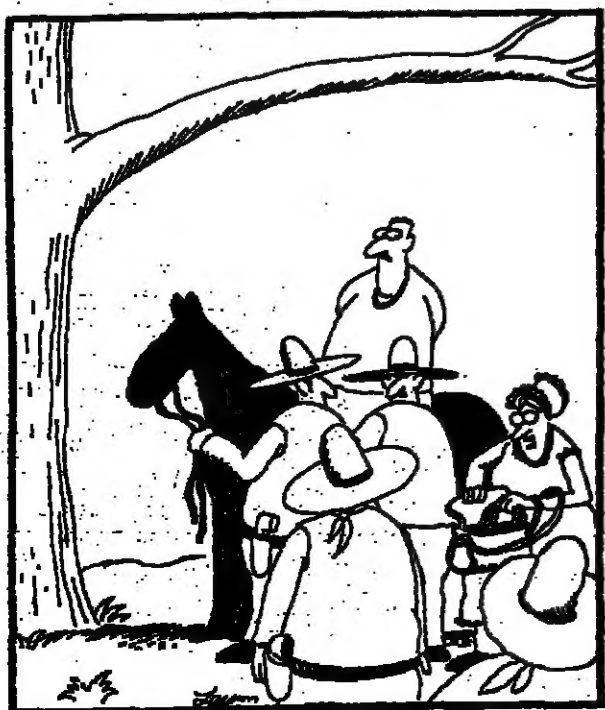
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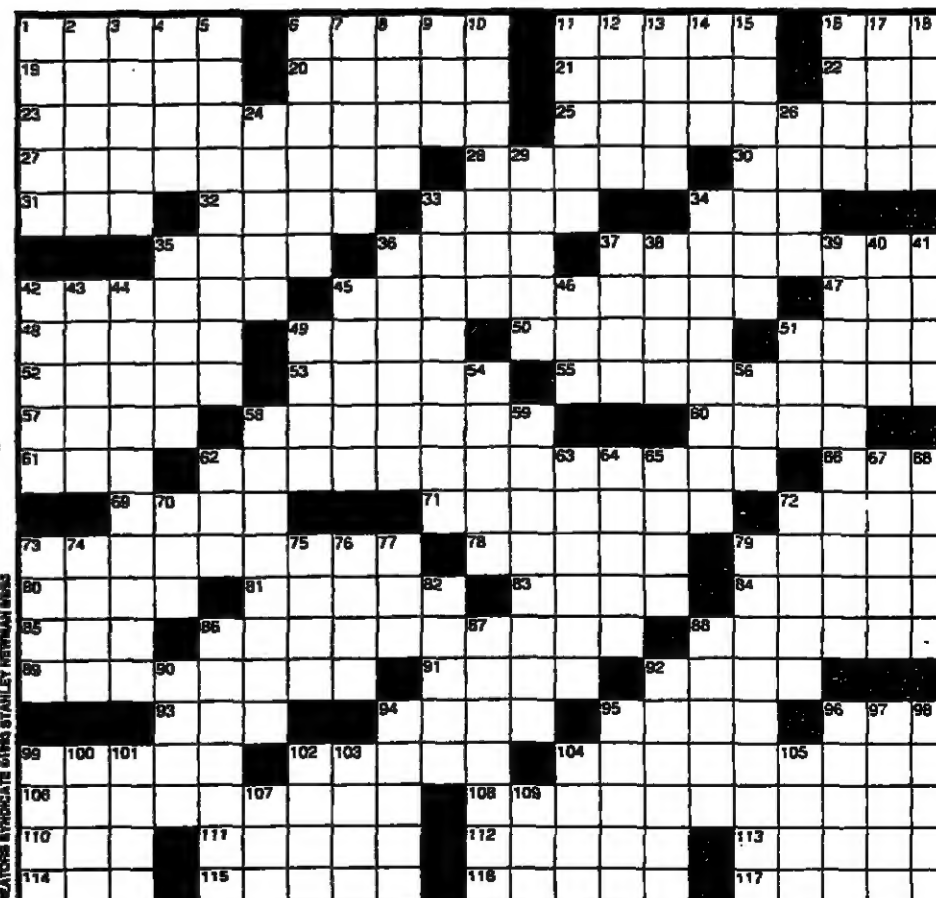
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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water - Carl Reiner

The camera sees what we do not

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

IT IS a mistake to believe that the human eye and the camera perceive the world in the same way.

Our eyes see an unframed continuum of objects in three dimensions. Moreover, under ideal conditions (clear weather and 20/20 vision) the eye sees foreground, middle distance and background in sharp focus and in "correct" perspective.

The camera, on the other hand, flattens the world to two dimensions.

Lenses can distort relative proportions in ways the eye doesn't and can blur certain elements of a picture, while bringing others into sharp focus. The latter characteristic is known as depth of field.

Keeping these concepts in mind, we continue our exploration of compositional elements by looking at backgrounds, beginning with the horizon.

The horizon line, separating land or sea from the sky, is the most basic and powerful visual element in outdoor photography.

Because the eye likes to balance and center the world, most amateur photographers will plunk the horizon line right across the middle of their pictures.

Here is where we trot out the "rule of thirds," in many ways an unfortunate name, because our goal is to suggest ideas and free the photographer rather than to set down rules.

Nevertheless, the rule of thirds, based on a 19th-century technique developed by painters, is a useful formula that places an imaginary grid over scenes precisely like a child's ticktacktoe board.

Therefore, the sky area traditionally covers the upper third or two-thirds, complemented, of course, by land or sea area.

Where the lines intersect is called a "point of interest." These are necessarily off-center.

The strongest point is theoretically near the upper left corner, because that is where the main subject

ject of a classic composition is meant to fall.

MOTION in the form of a line traversing a frame from the upper left to the lower right is considered natural among Westerners conditioned to read from left to right.

Putting it altogether, a perfect composition might be a downhill skier at the top left-hand corner schussing down a hill sloping away to the bottom right.

On the other hand, placing the center of interest at the bottom right-hand corner or reversing movement across the frame from the upper right to lower left will create a subtle tension, which may be both eye-catching and innovative.

Treat the rule of thirds as an exercise or an experiment, rather than leaning on it like a crutch, so it becomes a means of weaning one's photographs away from dullness and predictability.

The dictum of famous American landscape photographer Minor White — "let the subject generate its own composition" — is even more to the point.

Say that the sky happens to be particularly brooding or full of curious cloud patterns. Then why not give it two-thirds play?

Or, on the contrary, the sky is its usual boring blue and the horizon line uninteresting. In that case, try running it along the top of the frame as a thin line.

A word of caution: When framing up, pay particular attention that the horizon line is level.

Sloping horizons, especially in beach scenes, nearly always detract and are usually unintentional, unless the purpose of the photograph is to make the viewer seasick.

In addition to the horizon, professionals also take in, almost without thought, the entire background. Naturally the eye gravitates to the center of interest.

But as photographers, we must force ourselves to inspect what's



The cluttered background is less distracting when blurred with a wide-open aperture. (D. Brauner)

going on throughout the frame.

Backgrounds are an integral part of the picture. If the background adds information (scale, location) or contrast (mist, color) to a photograph's message, then by all means capture it.

But if the background is cluttered or dull and contributes little or nothing to the picture, there are ways to leave it out. Try changing your angle of view or move in closer to the subject. Or blur out the offending background (or foreground) by opening the lens aperture to around f/2.8 or wider.

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When a lost tribe was found

THERE AND THEN
SRAVA SHAPIRO

JOSEPH Halévy was looking for the lost Jews when he set out on his journey to Ethiopia in May 1867.

Halévy, who would gain fame as an orientalist and Hebrew writer, was a teacher in his hometown of Adrianople, Turkey, when he proposed his Ethiopian expedition to the Alliance Israélite Universelle.

The alliance agreed to finance the enterprise, which turned out to be an exhausting and perilous journey lasting more than a year.

Rumors were then current in Europe that a state in which Jews enjoyed independence still existed in Africa. This was despite the fact that the last time Jews took up arms against an Ethiopian Christian monarch in the province, some 200 years earlier, their rebellion was crushed.

It wasn't the first time in modern history that world Jewry had contact with its Ethiopian brethren. An Ethiopian Jew, Daniel Ben-Hanania, came to Jerusalem in 1835 with his 13-year-old son, whom he wanted to place in a yeshiva. Ben-Hanania went back to Africa, carrying numerous letters from Jerusalem rabbis.

His son disappeared some time later, writes Prof. Steven Kaplan in *Pe'amim*, a Hebrew quarterly devoted to studies in Oriental Jewry, published by Yad Ben-Zvi and the Hebrew University.

When the young Ethiopian surfaced, he was seen in the company of an Anglican bishop. The rabbi who had welcomed him felt betrayed, and one, Rabbi Yehoshua Schwarz, openly cast doubts on the origins of Ethiopian Jewry.

Halévy's visit — which netted dramatically important data on the community's language, literature and customs — was not the first by a European.

Protestant missionaries of the London Society for the Promotion of Christianity Among Jews discovered the black Jews of Ethiopia in their search for candidates for conversion, before European Jews made an effort to reach and help them.

The missionaries' tactic was to reveal themselves to the elders of

Beta Israel as their "brothers." Moreover, the missionaries could provide the Jews with their sacred writings — the local tradition was that only Jewish monks were able to keep and read the biblical texts.

The missionaries' ultimate goal of converting them was discovered only when they introduced the Trinity into their teachings. The clash between the missionaries and the Jews led to a confrontation ordered by Emperor Tewodros (Theodore II), five years before Halévy's visit.

This emperor appears in the traditions of the Ethiopian Jews as very lenient to them. Shoshana Ben-Dor, who has studied the available texts as well as the oral lays of the Ethiopians, is not so sure.

The emperor was the son of the governor of Kuara province, a former soldier who, in the custom of the day, lived on what he exacted from the local population.

Tewodros's mother might have been Jewish; her original name was Esther, which she later changed to Etegea. She had a dream that she had given birth to a son; sages interpreted the dream as meaning her son would be a great ruler and would conquer Jerusalem.

The main issue brought for regal decision was whether the missionaries were correct in asserting that the Falashas should not offer sacrifices, since a verse in the Bible stipulates that sacrifices could be made only "where God Almighty indicated," that is, at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Indeed, the missionaries said, European Jews accepted this rule and stopped performing sacrifices. Halévy, to gain Beta Israel's confidence, did not press the point.

The emperor allowed the missionaries to continue their work among the Jews. Still, the Jews considered him friendly, because he did not force them to convert.

Some 40 years later it was a

pupil of Halévy who continued his work. Jacques Faitlovitch, a native of Lodz, in Russian Poland, made his first journey to Ethiopia in 1905.

The Falashas were then markedly on the decline, and Faitlovitch's aim was to find funds to establish a school or two to prepare cadres who could teach others.

He looked for support in all possible venues — the German *Hilfsverein* was an obvious suggestion.

The Alliance came out firmly against Faitlovitch's initiative. Conscious of the political undertones of the enterprise, Faitlovitch tried unsuccessfully to interest the US, as a power not involved in European encroachments.

He renewed his efforts after the war, tried to interest Italian Jews, but found that the Italian authorities feared that a school even on the frontier of Ethiopia would "create problems."

Faitlovitch maintained that preserving the Jewish connection for the Falashas was important for the Jews and for the world. He wanted them to preserve their traditions while opening themselves to the normative Jewish heritage.

In his later years, he lived in Tel Aviv, repeatedly trying to raise public interest in the cause of Ethiopian Jewry, with scant results.

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Dogs get diabetes, too

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHIAUL

DOGS sometimes have chronic diseases. A reader in Tel Aviv asks about one such problem:

"A year ago, I bought a beautiful German shepherd from a good kennel. I have become, one might say, inordinately fond of it. At six months of age, the pup began to lose weight. It ate voraciously but got thinner and thinner."

"Finally, a vet did some tests and told me my pup has 'juvenile diabetes.' He advised me to have it put to sleep. I didn't want to do this, so he gave me a diet and told me to call him when the dog collapsed. Why can't my dog be treated?"

The vet did not explain matters thoroughly. Dogs are very much like people when it comes to diabetes. In fact, dogs were used in experiments that led to the discovery of insulin for treatment of this disease.

There are two types of diabetes in canines, just as there are in humans. Juvenile diabetes (Type I) occurs in young animals, and Type II in old animals. Both are problematic but juvenile diabetes is far more serious. It can be treated but not always successfully, and it is a major undertaking. You will need an electronic gad-

get to read the dog's blood sugar from a drop of blood taken, usually from the ear, several times a day during the period when you are trying to balance the dog's intake of food and insulin. This costs several hundred shekels. Then, when the dog is stabilized, you will have to ensure that it eats exactly the same amount of food of the same type every day, that it never, ever, gets any other food, that it gets the same amount of exercise every day. Even then, there will be minor deviations due to digestive problems, changes in temperature, etc.

The animal will have to be neutered, otherwise hormonal fluctuations will create havoc with the diet-insulin balance.

Surgery is a major problem for a diabetic, human or animal, and survival is not guaranteed.

On top of all that, diabetic animals, like humans, often suffer from blindness, gangrene of the feet and kidney failure. Since animals can't tell you what they're feeling, these conditions are often neglected and result in terrible suffering for the animal and for its owner.

Diabetes Type II in old dogs is simpler and usually it is enough to balance the diet and stop snacks.

Bribes are sweet

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

WE'D been debating the question for months: to go or not to go abroad. We'd weighed all the pros and cons, we'd searched our conscience, slept on it for nights on end, and decided: to go.

Once we'd made up our minds there was only one problem left: what would the children say? Well, there's Rafi — but Rafi is a big boy, you can already talk to him as to a grown-up person. He's sure to understand how the King of Switzerland has invited Mommy and Daddy to come and visit him, and how you mustn't say no to a king because then he gets mad at you. So much for Rafi. That leaves Amir, who's only 2½, just the age when a child is most attached to his parents. What do we tell Amir?

A tough question. We'd heard of people leaving their little ones for a mere fortnight — with the most horrible consequences. One little girl we know of in Jerusalem was abandoned by her irresponsible parents for a month — to Nepal they went — and she's been full of complexes since, and left-handed to boot.

We started discussing the question one day over lunch, but we'd no sooner exchanged our first few words in French, than Amir looked up from his plate with those big sad eyes of his and asked pathetically: "Why? Why?"

No doubt the child had sensed something and got scared.

He's very attached to us, is Amir. We looked at each other, the wife and I, and promptly gave up the whole idea. I mean, foreign lands are a dime a dozen, but how many children does a man have? Two. And one of them little. We're not going abroad and that's that. Try and make us. And anyhow, how can we possibly enjoy a place like Paris with this nagging thought in our minds the whole time that, back home, Amir may perhaps be writing with his left hand already? Kids aren't something to be trifled with, mind you. Kids are a lifetime vocation, and if you aren't willing to make some sacrifice for them you may as well drop everything and go.

Exactly. That's just what we want to do. We're dying to go. We haven't been abroad in donkey's years. We want to go abroad. But what do we do about Amir and his big sad eyes?

We went and talked to Mrs. Plim, a neighbor of ours whose husband is a pilot, so she gets free airline tickets twice a year. It turned out that what she does is — she always breaks the news gradually. She tells her kids all about the lovely places she and their daddy are going to see, and later they take pictures everywhere and bring them home to show the kids. The point is to make the child feel part of it all, to make him feel as if he himself had been on that trip with Mommy and Daddy. A bit of tact, a little insight, that's all there is to it.

Good. We figured we might as well start on the insight at once, so at home I took Amir on my knees and said, "Do you know, my boy, that there are such high mountains in the world that..."

"Not go-way!" screamed Amir. "Not go-way! Amir not stay alone! Amir Daddy-Mommy! Not mountains! Not go-way! Not go-way!"

His blue eyes were streaming with tears and he clung to me trembling as a little leaf.

"We're not going!" we cried, his mother and I. "We'll stay right here with Amir! Not go to the naughty naughty mountains! Mommy-Daddy-Amir forever! Not go-way!"

To hell with abroad! All the lakes of Italy aren't worth one tear in the eyes of our sweet darling.

One smile of his is more precious to us than all the bloody sunsets in the world. We're staying! Maybe when the child's a bit older, 11 perhaps, or 20, maybe then we'll go abroad. For now let's just get about it.

The matter would have ended there, except that now a new problem cropped up, to wit: next morning we decided to go abroad anyway. We love our Amir very much, but we also love going abroad, and that's the truth. So what do we do about the little bugger now?

We resolved on action. We know this woman who's some thing of a child psychiatrist, so we went and put the problem to her.

"You've handled this badly," must say," the psychiatrist told us. "Don't you know you should never lie to a child? There's an innocence about children which only responds to the truth. You must be open with him. Open and honest. Like, for instance, don't go about your packing behind his back. Do it openly, let him watch and then he won't suspect you of trying to run away on him..."

At home we took down two of our largest suitcases and brought Amir in to watch.

"Amir," we told him all open and honest. "Mommy and Daddy..."

"Not go-way!" Amir broke out. "Not go-way! Amir love! Mommy-Daddy! Amir not alone! Not go-way!"

He was positively shaking, his eyes all wet, his little nose all crumpled. Oh, God, how could we do this to him? We took him in our arms and hugged him close. "We're not going!" we swore. "Who said we were going? We just fetched these suitcases down to see if there were any toys for Amir in them! Mommy and Daddy are staying home, you hear! For ever! Only here! Always here! Only Amir! Never anything but Amir! Abroad naughty!"

But this time the shock has evidently been too much for him. Our boy is sobbing as if his little heart would break. He is holding on to my trouser legs like he'll never let go again. Oh, my poor baby, what have we done to you? "Don't just stand there," the little woman cries in consternation. "Get him some bubble gum!"

Amir's weeping stops with a squeal of brakes.

"Bubble gum?" he says. "Daddy bring Amir bubble gum from the broad?"

"Yes," I say quickly, "with stripes!"

The child gets up, the child isn't crying, the child is happy. "Bubble gum-with-stripes! Bubble gum-with-stripes!" he sings, dancing about the room and clapping his hands. "Go-way, Daddy, go-way, Mommy, go broad! Bring Amir heaps of bubble gum!"

His eyes shine, his cheeks glow, the child is overjoyed.

"Go-way!" he shouts. "Go-way now! Go broad! Why Mommy-Daddy not go? Go-ho-ho!"

There, now he's crying again. His big blue eyes are wet with tears, his whole little body is trembling. He drags the suitcases over and dumps them under our noses.

"We'll go in a little while," we promise. "In a little while soon." "No! No!"

So that's why we left for Europe a week earlier than planned. The last few days were particularly hard because the child kept urging us to be gone, to be gone already. Every morning he'd wake up and be disappointed all over again to find us still there. He's very attached to us, is the child. We intend to bring him lots of bubble gum with stripes. We'll bring the psychiatrist some too.

Translated by Miriam Arad

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NASDAQ	1,214.35	+14.74
NYSE	1,214.35	+14.74
NYSE Midcap	1,214.35	+14.74
NYSE Smallcap	1,214.35	+14.74
NYSE Microcap	1,214.35	+14.74
NYSE Ultra Microcap	1,214.35	+14.74
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Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2,923.6	+10.5
DAX	2,923.6	+10.5
Nikkei	2,923.6	+10.5
Hong Kong	2,923.6	+10.5
Singapore	2,923.6	+10.5
London	2,923.6	+10.5
Paris	2,923.6	+10.5
Frankfurt	2,923.6	+10.5
Zurich	2,923.6	+10.5
Stockholm	2,923.6	+10.5
Copenhagen	2,923.6	+10.5
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Israeli stocks in NY

Stock	Last	Change
Bank Leumi	1.25	+0.05
Bank Hapoalim	1.25	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	1.25	+0.05
Bank Leumi	1.25	+0.05
Bank Hapoalim	1.25	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	1.25	+0.05

Libor rates

Rate	Last	Change
3 months	5.875	0
6 months	5.875	0
9 months	5.875	0
12 months	5.875	0

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USA	DJ 30	1,181.85	+14.74
UK	FTSE 100	2,923.6	+10.5
Germany	DAX	2,923.6	+10.5
France	CAC 40	2,923.6	+10.5
Italy	FTSE MIB	2,923.6	+10.5
Spain	IBEX 35	2,923.6	+10.5
Japan	Nikkei	2,923.6	+10.5
Hong Kong	HK 50	2,923.6	+10.5
Singapore	SSE	2,923.6	+10.5
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Stockholm	OMX	2,923.6	+10.5
Copenhagen	NOMAX	2,923.6	+10.5
Oslo	BHELSE	2,923.6	+10.5

US commodities

Commodity	Last	Change
Gold	387.75	+1.15
Silver	5.28	+0.05
Crude Oil	22.15	+0.15
Natural Gas	1.15	+0.05
Wheat	1.15	+0.05
Corn	1.15	+0.05
Soybeans	1.15	+0.05
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Market rises sharply FTSE up 54.2 points

WALL STREET REPORT WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose sharply with bond prices Friday, after a report on third-quarter US economic activity eased inflation fears.

The 30-year US Treasury bond shot up more than \$10 per \$1,000 face value. Its yield, which falls when prices rise, sank below the psychologically critical 8-percent level, after the Commerce Department said the US gross domestic product surged 3.4 percent in the three-month period ending September 30.

While the market had expected a more modest gain, investors were cheered to see a decline in a closely watched inflation measure tied to the GDP.

Thomas McManus, equity strategist at Morgan Stanley and Co., said the GDP data were "the best of both worlds: Solid growth, low inflation and expanding profits."

Added McManus, "We've just come through third-quarter reporting period where earnings surprised even the optimists. There doesn't seem to be any negative impact on the economic growth rate of higher interest rates."

Also lifting the mood of both bond and stock investors was that a large portion of the gain in the GDP was in inventories. Economists expect US companies to throttle back on production while these are worked off.

"We're seeing evidence that the economy is expanding at a reasonably strong pace, but inflation... is still very low," said Hugh Johnson, First Albany Corp.'s market strategist.

Johnson said the report may not dissuade the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates in November, as had been widely expected. But it called into question whether the central bank would have to tighten a second time before the first of next year.

Stocks also got a lift from a recovering dollar, which rose against the Deutsche mark and the yen.

Enthusiastic investors, seeing the long bond below 8 percent, went on a buying spree, pushing broad-market indexes higher.

Oil-service stocks rose after Halliburton announced better-than-expected earnings. Technology stocks extended their rally.

Dollar gains, gold declines

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — The depressed American dollar rallied broadly Friday in concert with stocks and bonds as the financial markets welcomed US economic data depicting growth accompanied by mild inflation.

Opinions differed on how much of a part the Commerce Department's third-quarter US economic reading and other reports played in the dollar's movements against major foreign currencies.

Some traders contended that internal market forces favored the dollar.

Gold prices declined in worldwide trading. On the Commodity Exchange in New York, gold for current delivery settled at \$387.30 a troy ounce, down \$1.50 from Thursday's close. Republic National Bank quoted gold at \$387.30 an ounce, \$1.20 lower than the prior day's 4 p.m. bid.

The talk of the session was the report released early in the day showing the US gross domestic product grew at an unexpectedly high annual rate of 3.4 percent in the third quarter.

Dollar disease could spread to stocks — analysts

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) — Is the sickly dollar contagious? Some stock analysts think so.

In the last few weeks, the dollar slumped to two-year lows against the German mark and flirted with its worst levels against the Japanese yen. Its problems have been a contributing factor in the stock market's intermittent declines.

If the greenback continues to fall, it could pull stocks along with it, analysts warn.

Wall Street got some hope Friday as the dollar shot up along with bond prices after a report on third-quarter economic activity contained no nasty inflation surprises.

The dollar traded late Friday at 1.5085 marks and 97.28 Japanese yen. That helped boost the Dow Jones industrial average 55.51 points to 3,930.66 Friday, raising the Dow's gain for the week to 39.36 points.

But currency traders said Friday's rally by the dollar was largely technical. They remain concerned about its long-term fragility.

A weak dollar has several negative implications for stocks. Foremost in many investors' minds is that the Federal Reserve could be forced to defend the dollar by raising interest rates.

Higher rates are anathema to stockholders because they increase corporate costs, driving down profits, and lure investment money away from stocks and into higher-yielding fixed-income investments.

A weaker dollar also raises the prices of imports, which now consti-

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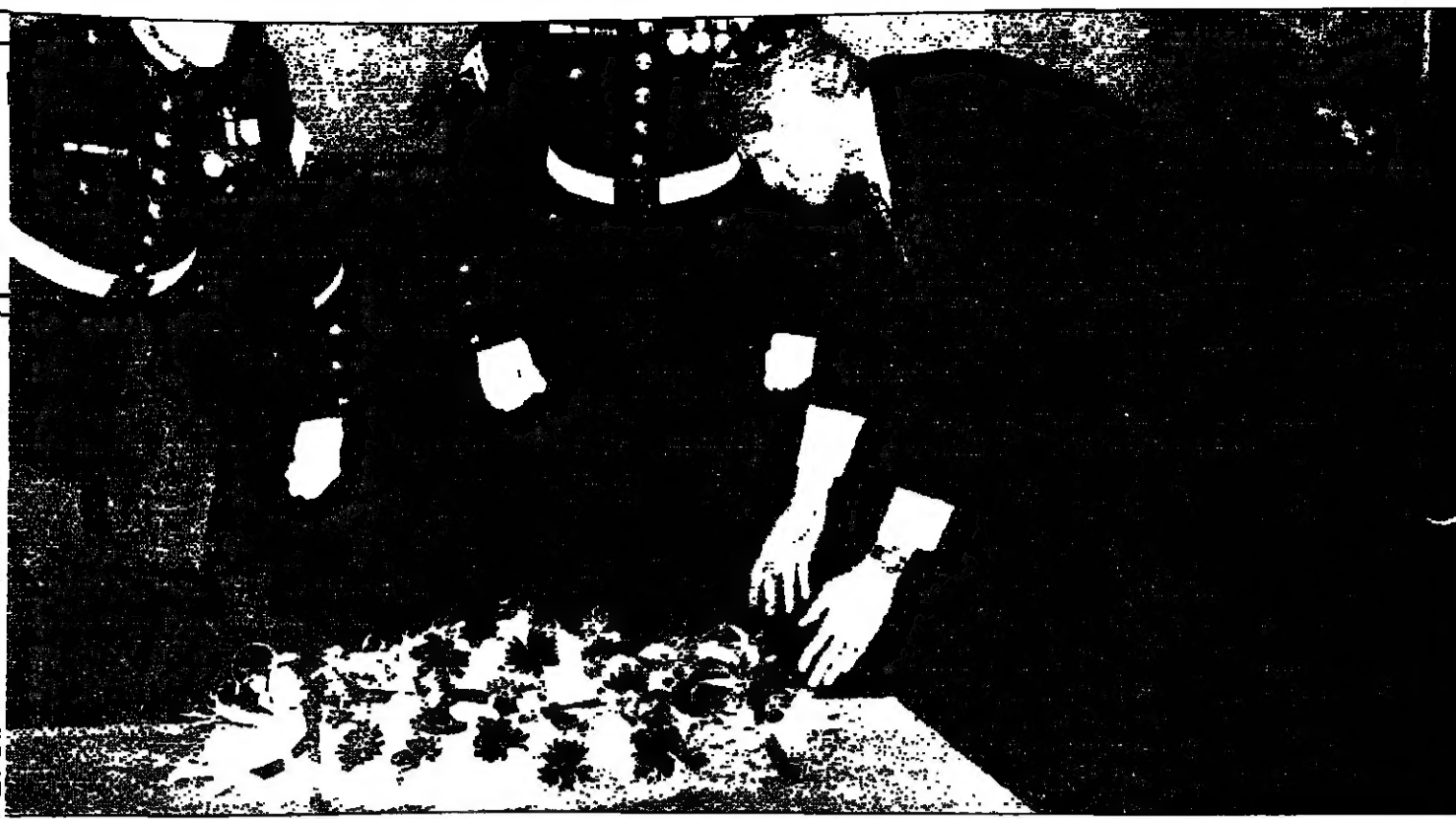
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President Bill Clinton lays a wreath on the symbolic grave of the six million at the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem on Friday. (Stein/Haran)

Clinton moved by Yad Vashem visit

BATSHEVA TSUR

I LEAVE Israel redoubled in the support of the American people for the people of Israel, redoubled in my determination to continue until we have a comprehensive peace," US President Bill Clinton declared as he wound up his visit here on Friday.

"It was a wonderful visit," Clinton told reporters at Yad Vashem, his last stop before flying on to Kuwait. I have deep respect for the reception given by the people here and am grateful for the opportunity I had to address the Knesset."

Clinton arrived at Yad Vashem accompanied by President Ezer Weizman after the two had breakfasted together at Beit Hanassi. There it was announced that the Israeli president and his wife, Reuma, would pay a state visit to Washington early next year.

On arrival at Yad Vashem, the

presidents made their way down the Avenue of Righteous Among the Nations, accompanied by Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev. Clinton revealed a keen interest in the historical explanations all along the route. Pausing in front of the Warsaw Ghetto memorial, Clinton inquired into details of other Jewish uprisings during the Holocaust.

As the two presidents were about to enter the Ohel Yizkor Memorial Hall, Weizman pointed to the olive tree outside. "Look," he told the American president, "it is in full bloom."

Pulling a kippa out of his pocket, Clinton entered the hall with Weizman and stood solemnly behind the Eternal Flame. The ceremony began with the Ankor children's choir

singing "Eli Eli," written by Hannah Szenes, who perished after being parachuted into Hungary to save Jews. Visibly moved, Clinton closed his eyes and bowed his head as the chazan recited the Yizkor memorial prayer.

Then the American president was called upon to rekindle the Eternal Flame, standing pensively silent for a few seconds beside it. Two Marines in full regalia flanked Clinton as he laid the wreath on the symbolic grave of the six million.

"Thank you. That was very beautiful," Clinton told the children in the choir as he was led out to the memorial to those other children - the one-and-a-half million children who had perished in the Holocaust.

There he heard the story of the

Spiegel family, today American citizens, who donated the money for the memorial to the children in memory of their own baby, snatched from his mother's arms en route to the concentration camp. "That was an extremely moving experience," Clinton remarked as he emerged from the dark chamber with its thousands of flickering lights.

For a long moment Clinton stood thoughtfully in the Janusz Korczak plaza as he wrote in the Yad Vashem visitors' book: "Today we have come one step closer to the time when the people of Israel will live in peace with all of their neighbors; when the awful events of death and destruction memorialized here will be banished to the past; when the people of Israel will never suffer and die because of their race or their faith. May God make it come to pass."

Rekhes said there were already signs of the growing pressure to put

Shaul Mofaz appointed OC Southern Command

ALON PINKAS

ANOTHER vacancy in the IDF General Staff rotation was filled Friday, when Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz was appointed OC Southern Command.

The appointment will be effective January 1. He will be replaced as OC Judea and Samaria by Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ophir.

The appointments were confirmed by Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, based on recommendations made by Chief of General Staff, Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and finalized after consultations with his designated successor, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak.

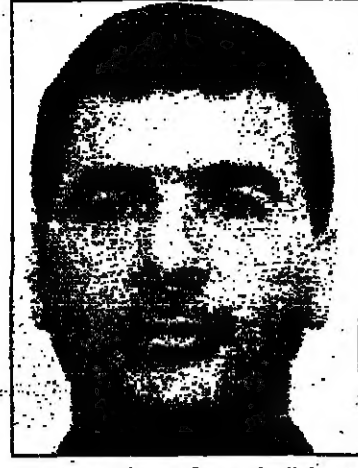
In the coming weeks, Rabin, and Shahak will decide on the next OC Northern Command and possibly on the next chief of the Intelligence Branch, if Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy will be named as the next head of an institution.

Mofaz will replace Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i, who last week was appointed deputy chief of general staff, replacing Shahak.

Mofaz was born in Iran in 1948. In 1966 he was inducted into the IDF,



Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz



Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ophir

and joined the Paratroopers Brigade, where he served in a variety of command posts. He participated in the Entebbe operation in 1976.

In 1988, Mofaz was promoted to brigadier-general and commanded an armored division; in August 1993 he was promoted to major-general and appointed as OC Judea and Samaria.

Ophir, who will replace Mofaz, was also a paratrooper. Ophir was born in

Morocco in 1950 and grew up in the development town of Shlomi. During the Yom Kippur war, as a Golani company commander, Ophir was wounded on the southern front. In 1976, as a Golani deputy battalion commander, Ophir also participated in the Entebbe operation.

In August 1992, he was appointed commander of IDF forces in southern Lebanon and of the Galilee division.

Shlomi strike still going strong

DAVID RUDGE

SHLOMI municipal workers led by local council head Israel Avnati are staging a sit-down protest at the entrance of the township as part of their campaign to press for government aid.

A protest tent at the site is being manned by workers, council officials and residents all day as part of the campaign.

Municipal services in Shlomi, which virtually adjoins the Lebanese border, have been completely shut down for over two weeks.

A statement issued last week by the office of Deputy Minister for Education, Culture and Sports, Micha Gold-

man, said the strike had been suspended after it had been agreed to award the township national priority development status.

"The announcement was incorrect. The strike is continuing and there are plans to intensify the action, up to and including hunger strikes," said municipality secretary Yigal Ziskin.

Last week, residents joined forces with municipal workers in angry demonstrations that blocked the northern road to protest what they described as the government's ne-

glect of the township.

They charged that Shlomi was at the bottom of the list of towns for development and quality of life and that urgent action was needed to reverse what they claimed was the process of degeneration.

"The meaning of national priority status is not clear to us. What we want is a government assurance to deal with specific problems on a long-term basis," said Ziskin.

Members of the Knesset Interior Committee are due to visit Shlomi today to meet with officials and residents and to discuss ways of resolving the town's problems.

Rahat man suspected of killing Beersheba hooker

Police: Accused attacked other prostitutes

A YOUNG man from Rahat was arrested Friday on suspicion of raping and then murdering a Beersheba prostitute.

The suspect, Kaid Abu-Madiem, 18, was brought before a Beersheba Magistrate's Court judge Friday and remanded for 15 days.

Police told the court he had used violence against several Beersheba prostitutes, and had killed at least one of them after kidnapping, raping, and robbing them.

Police said the last victim was Silik Lardo, 22, whose body was found on October 10 inside a well between Rahat and the Lahavim Junction north of the city.

She had last been seen entering a car carrying several men, and had traveled with them to an area near the Beersheba railroad station.

Police gave Judge Tzila Keinan a classified report linking the suspect to the offense with which he is charged.

They told Keinan two other Beersheba prostitutes had testified that the accused may have also attacked other prostitutes besides the two he is accused of murdering.

Abu-Madiem denied the murder charge, and told Keinan: "I only confessed to rape. I was drunk and committed the rape, when I was with two others. She went with us of her own free will, and we told her we did not have any money, so she refused and we forced her. So we took her into the car and had sex with her. Then we dropped her off near the junction and gave her NIS 50."

In light of the seriousness of the charges, Keinan agreed to the police request to remand Abu-Madiem for 15 days. (TIM)

Aliya activists alarmed by Russians coming with disabled grandchildren

AMIR ROZENBLIT

ALIYA activists here are growing increasingly concerned about the upswing in the number of grandmothers immigrating to Israel with their disabled grandchildren. The grandmothers serve as the child's legal guardian, based on Soviet law.

In the past year, Beersheba immigration officials have encountered eight such cases, which have become a growing burden on welfare offices. David Sorek, chairman of the Organization of Soviet Immigrants in the Negev, said there are cases in which immigration of the children could be made conditional on their parents coming as well. He said aliya activists in the CIS should be more selective regarding those coming here.

"The grandmothers immigrating with their grandchildren are a very

severe economic strain on the government, and I believe aliya officials should take strong action in dealing with such cases," he said.

"Some of those children immigrating are 100 percent disabled. Parents of these children often do this because they know the level of social and medical services in Israel is high, but this is a great burden on the country, and this should not be allowed to continue."

Sorek added that a group of emotionally disturbed individuals recently immigrated from the CIS without any family members, with nine such incidents reported in Beersheba alone in the past year.

These immigrants, he said, came here without any preliminary checks by immigration authorities in their countries of origin.

'Israeli Arabs demand full equality'

Peace process has only led to more frustration

DAVID RUDGE

THE peace process is sharpening demands of Israeli Arabs for full equality, especially following the accords with the Palestinians and Jordan, according to Dr. Elie Reikhes, a leading authority on trends among the country's 800,000-strong Arab community.

"The growing frustration over the failure to accomplish full equality is likely to lead Israeli Arabs to intensify their struggle and channel it into new avenues," said Reikhes.

He spoke to *The Jerusalem Post* on the eve of the opening today of a two-day conference at Tel Aviv University on the crisis in Israeli Arab politics. The event is being co-sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Reikhes, a senior researcher at the university's Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, said the fight by Israeli Arab to achieve equality was likely to take the form of civil

rights campaigns, strikes, demonstrations, and other measures within the framework of the democratic process.

"The rights of Israeli Arabs and related issues were pushed aside for 48 years by previous governments on the basis that they could not be tackled as long as the external problems relating to the Israel-Arab and Palestinian conflict remained unresolved," said Reikhes.

"Now, with solutions to the external problems in sight, the issues relating to Israeli Arabs are beginning to emerge more clearly. This, I believe, will lead to more pressure being put on Arab politicians to deliver the goods and may cause them to reconsider their support for the government."

Reikhes said there were already signs of the growing pressure to put

an end to discrimination and give Arab citizens the same sort of rights and privileges as those enjoyed by their Jewish counterparts.

Arab-orientated parties, aware of this trend, were also testing the possibility of forming new coalitions designed to enhance the voice of the Arab community in the Knesset and the decision-making process.

He maintained that the fundamentalist Israeli Arab Islamic Movement, which has so far curtailed its political activities to the municipal field, might play a leading role in the national politics of the future.

"There seems little doubt that in the forthcoming elections, Arab parties will have to adopt new positions and manifestoes which will guarantee the electorate more success in the struggle for equality, because the old positions are no longer valid," said Reikhes.

Two arrested for trying to sell baby

AN ESCORT service manager and a young woman were indicted in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Friday for trying to sell a baby for \$15,000.

Meir Turgeman, 37, and Ofra Dadon, 25, met in September, 1991, and began living together when Dadon got pregnant. They are accused of conspiring to sell the child to the highest bidder, with the two even telling *Yediot Aharanot* about their plans.

Turgeman even asked the Adoption Service to send them potential buyers, although they were told by a social worker that what they were doing was illegal.

The Adoption Service hired private investigators, who sent the couple a "buyer" who was really an undercover detective. During negotiations with them and another investigator who accompanied her and posed as her husband, Turgeman asked for \$15,000 for the child, including \$5,000 as a down payment.

The Adoption Service filed charges against Turgeman and Dadon with the police, and the two were arrested and charged with selling a child for adoption.

Turgeman is also charged with pimping and running a brothel. (TIM)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arson damages Jerusalem synagogue

A synagogue in Jerusalem's German Colony neighborhood was set on fire on Friday night, causing tens of thousands of shekels of damage.

A wall of the synagogue on Rehov Hatzfira was badly burned, several chairs and prayer books were destroyed, and the electrical and air conditioning systems were heavily damaged.

At about 8, the arsonists ripped through a window screen, threw newspapers soaked with a flammable substance through the window, and then set them alight, police said. They said they believed the motive for the act was criminal, but Yitzhak Mor, a synagogue official, said he was convinced it was a nationalistic crime.

He criticized police for not patrolling often enough in the area of the synagogue. (TIM)

Remand in Haifa for attempted extortion

Two men were remanded Friday in Haifa Magistrate's Court for 10 days on suspicion they tried to extort tens of thousands of dollars from a club owner in the city.

Police said Shalom Dahan, 27, and Hananiah Suissa, 34 - both of Tirat Carmel - stabbed and wounded the complainant, the owner of a club in the Hader Hacarmel neighborhood, when he refused to pay them \$60,000.

During the encounter, they also destroyed furniture and equipment in the club.

According to police, the two later invited the club owner to a cafe, ostensibly to apologize, but instead threatened him with a pistol and demanded the \$60,000.

The suspects denied all the charges. Their attorney said the complainant had "stolen" Dahan's wife away from him, and because of this there was tension between them. (TIM)

Weizman to visit Cairo in December

President Ezer Weizman has decided to accept an Egyptian invitation to visit Cairo, the presidential bureau confirmed yesterday. Until now, the president had argued that he would not go to Cairo before Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak came here. Weizman relented after Mubarak announced his agreement to pay a return visit here shortly afterwards. Weizman's visit will take place in December.

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